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Runoff election on Nov. 25

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» Palacios-Apatang No. 1 on the ballot, Torres-Sablan No. 2
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» Early voting on Nov. 18 to 24

The Commonwealth Election Commission board has set Nov. 25, 2022, as the runoff election day that will see the CNMI choosing between Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), and the team of Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang.

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Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol discusses her report before the CEC board during a special meeting at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe Friday afternoon. Also in the photo, to Igitol's right, is CEC's legal counsel, assistant attorney general Charles Reyes. The CEC board approved Nov. 25, 2022 as the day of the runoff election. The board also certified the tabulation results of the Nov. 8 general elections.
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Honoring our nation's heroes

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As has become a national tradition observed throughout the United States, the CNMI's top officials, veterans, their families, and other members

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), and Saipan Mayor David Apatang join members of the Manta Ray Battalion from Saipan Southern High School in laying a commemorative wreath during the Veteran's Day ceremony at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor in Garapan last Friday.
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Evangelista

This year's general elections had a 76.52% voter turnout, which is a big turnout compared to previous elections in the CNMI.

"It was a big turnout. I really thought that on the third day of early voting would die out but it didn't. It never died

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3 more indicted for alleged illegal entry into Guam

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI has indicted another group of Chinese nationals who allegedly tried to enter Guam illegally from the CNMI.

Together with two other indictments in previous weeks, that means a total of 19 foreigners have now been

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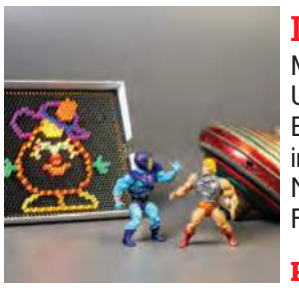

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Kagman High School seniors D'anahlei Rodriguez and Juneya Quitano perform an original poem, Woven Within, at the 2022 Valentine N. Sengebau Competition's Senior Division on Oct. 25 at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater.

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KHS seniors top Sengebau poetry competition division

D'anahlei Rodriguez and Juneya Quitano of Kagman High School bagged first place in the 2022 Valentine N. Sengebau Competition's Senior Division on Oct. 25 at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater.

Rodriguez and Quitano, who are seniors at Kagman High School, both performed an original poem they composed, titled *Woven Within*.

"Winning first place was like achieving another milestone because it gave us a voice to represent our native people," said Rodriguez, when asked what winning the competition means to her.

Yu Rong Jiang, a student from Francisco M. Sablan Middle School took first place in the Junior Division in her recital of Valentine N. Sengebau's poem, *Searching*.

Last year's victor, now a senior at Mt. Carmel School, Jill Anne Mallari, secured another win in second place. Mallari performed her original poem, *Ode to Home*.

In third place in the Senior Division was Jude Litulumar, a senior from Kagman High School who performed his original poem, *Divided*, which shares his personal view of cultural identity.

Third place in the Junior Division was 8th-grade Hopwood Middle School student Seano Pangilinan, who performed *Time of Consciousness* by Sengebau. Second place 8th-grade Francisco M. Sablan Middle School student Gian Antonio opened the competition with his recital of *I Hear the Message*.

The competition is an annual event hosted by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council. The competition comprises a Junior and Senior division. Senior Division competitors are judged on two categories: content material of their original poem and recital. Competitors in the Junior Division recite poems composed by Valentine N. Sengebau that were published in a 2004 anthology, titled *Microchild*.

The Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition aims to promote an appreciation for poetry that captures expressions of the CNMI's diverse experiences and values as they relate to culture, identity, and change. This event hopes to strengthen the contestants' literacy and oratory skills. The competition is open to all middle school and high school students and is held annually in October, CNMI Humanities Month.

Judges for the competition this year were Northern Marianas College professor Adam Walsh, social media personality Antonette "Netty Cee" Castro, former Sengebau competition winner Beda Mundo, and English/Language Arts educators Zeno Deleon Guerrero and Loremel Hocog. ***(PR)***

Nov. is National Veterans and Military Families Month

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In honor of all the brave service members and their families,

In the runup to oast Friday's commemoration of Veterans Day in the CNMI, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres designated this month as National Veterans and Military Families Month, and the week of November 4-11, 2022, as CNMI Veterans Week.

Torres was joined by CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs executive officer Marie Salas-Igitol, the staff of the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office, and local veterans during the proclamation signing at the Office of the Governor conference room on Capital Hill Thurday morning.

The proclamation states that more than 1,000 military servicemen and veterans reside in the CNMI and the proclamation seeks to shine a light on their sacrifices and salute their service, as well as that of their families, such as long deployments, abrupt relocations, adjusting to new neighborhoods and schools, the process of having to make new friends after each move, and how many of these individuals put their dreams, and careers on hold.

"It is our duty to remember what our veterans have done and to uphold our commitments to them and their families," the proclamation states. "I encourage everyone in our community to acknowledge and honor the service, sacrifices, and contributions of veterans and military families for what they have done and for what they do every day to support our islands and our great nation."

'Wrong key—not malfunction—caused failure to open lock of NI ballot box'

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The Office of the Public Auditor has confirmed that the failure to open the lock of a ballot box that contained early voting ballots for the Northern Islands was not a result of malfunction, but rather because the OPA legal counsel at the ballot count had the wrong key.

Temporary public auditor Dora I. Deleon Guerrero said that after an extensive review of their records, they have subsequently determined that the wrong set of keys for the NI early voting was provided to their legal counsel, Ashley Kost, on the night of the Nov. 8 general election.

» Temporary public auditor Deleon Guerrero apologizes to CEC, entire community

Deleon Guerrero said the correct key remained in the possession of an OPA employee.

Deleon Guerrero notified Commonwealth Election Commission board chair Jesus I. Sablan about their findings regarding the key in a letter dated Friday.

The key issue was among the factors that delayed the tabulation of votes on the night of the Nov. 8 general election. Democratic Party's Strategic Committee chair Daniel Quitugua earlier questioned the legality of the CEC forcibly cutting the lock to open the box. CEC completed the tabulation process about 21 hours later at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The temporary public auditor said that OPA has reviewed the daily logs and determined that all seals, locks, and keys are all accounted for and properly documented.

"The lock and seal attached to the NI early voting ballot box up to the time of tabulation was intact and showed no signs of tampering, that the integrity of the ballots was at no time compromised," Deleon Guerrero said.

She said there is no excuse for this "unfortunate situation," and that she takes full responsibility for the concern it caused the community and the adverse impact on the CEC. She said maintaining the integrity of the ballots and assisting during the free election process was their priority.

"I believe my team did a great job in following through with those priorities. However, we are also accountable for our actions and acknowledge responsibility," Deleon Guerrero said.

She said they have identified the cause of this incident and have strengthened their internal control process to ensure this does not happen again.

"On behalf of OPA, I would like to extend our sincere apologies to CEC and the entire community," she said.

At 2:15am Wednesday, CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol told reporters that they had to cut the lock using a bolt cutter for the ballot box of the NI as they key could not open one of two locks. CEC's legal counsel, deputy attorney general Lillian A. Tenorio, explained that it's protocol to forcibly open a ballot box if they can't open it with the key.

The box contained 139 NI early votes. OPA investigator Edward Cabrera forcibly opened the lock using a bolt cutter.

Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel Ashley Kost tries a key to open the lock of a ballot box that contained early votes for the Northern Islands, as OPA investigator Edward Cabrera and Commonwealth Election Commission board chair Jesus I. Sablan and other CEC commissioners look on during the tabulation of ballots at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe Wednesday early morning.

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Garapan revitalization work breaks ground

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The U.S Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, in partnership with the Office of Planning and Development under the Office of the Governor, has finally broken ground on the long-awaited Garapan Revitalization Project, which will transform the CNMI's tourism hub into a world-class site.

Representatives from EDA and OPD were joined by the CNMI administration, government officials, and members of the public last Thursday to break ground on the project at the Paseo de Marianas.

Construction work on the over $8-million project, which will be spearheaded by USA Fanter Corp. Ltd., is expected to begin sometime this month.

According to Chris A. Concepcion, Office of Planning and Development deputy director and Garapan Revitalization Task Force chairman, the groundbreaking signifies the start of construction but discussions of when construction will actually begin happens next week.

"I'm pushing really hard for this project to get going so I'm hoping construction will begin in the next couple of weeks," he said.

Concepcion said USA Fanter has up to 24 months to complete the project.

"We are anticipating the project will be completed in 18 months. However, USA Fanter has informed us that they are looking at completing the project in less than 18 months," he said.

The project will regrade and repave 12 streets in the Garapan core, add proper curbs and sidewalks on each street, add new lighting and landscaping throughout the project area, and install 350 new public parking spaces.

"We will transform the Garapan area into a premier family-friendly destination featuring a wide range of shopping, dining, entertainment, civic and commercial uses. We will transform Garapan into a new, world-class setting that is attractive for visitors, residents, and investors," Concepcion said.

He said the long-term goal for this project is to attract more businesses to the area, allow them to generate more profit and tax revenue and have that cycle back out into the rest of the community.

"The money generated in Garapan ultimately benefits everyone in the Commonwealth. Garapan will once again reaffirm its name as the center of economic activity and the heart of the tourism industry in the Commonwealth. There are very many people to thank for the support of this project," he said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, in his brief remarks, stated that Garapan is one of the island's most prestigious areas and the Garapan Revitalization Project is the start of bringing Garapan back to its former glory.

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RUNOFF

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At the CEC board special meeting last Friday at the Pedro P. Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, the CEC board also approved a resolution certifying the results of the Nov. 8, 2022, general elections.

CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol said that Palacios-Apatang will be No. 1 on the runoff election ballot, while the Torres-Sablan pair will be No. 2.

The drawing of the gubernatorial candidates' slot on the ballots was held at the CEC's office Friday morning. Palacios, Apatang, and Sablan, along with some of their supporters, showed up at the drawing.

Torres-Sablan of the Republican Party topped the general elections, but failed to gain a majority share of the votes cast on Nov. 8, 2022, paving the way for a runoff race against Palacios-Apatang of the unified independent team.

Based on the CEC's official tabulation results, Torres-Sablan received 5,728 votes, including two more votes that were counted Friday, or 38.83% of the total votes cast. Palacios-Apatang obtained 4,890 votes, or 33.15% of the total votes cast.

The Democratic Party's gubernatorial candidates, Rep. Christina E. Sablan and Rep. Leila Haveia F. Staffler, got 4,132 votes, or 28.01% of the total votes cast.

In the CEC board's special meeting Friday, the board set the early voting period from Nov. 18 to 24. Dec. 9 is the last day to receive runoff election absentee ballots.

CEC said that email requests for absentee ballots will not be accepted.

CEC said all voters that requested an absentee ballot during the general election will automatically receive a runoff absentee ballot.

CEC board chair Jesus I. Sablan said in an interview that he has not heard of any allegations of fraud, that the tabulations delay was "unfortunate" and that one issue that delayed the tallying was the processing of absentee ballots.

"Just imagine opening the envelope, making sure that they comply with instructions. One instruction is that they sign the affidavit," he said.

The chairman said he has already instructed the commissioners to come with ideas on what to do to make tabulations faster during general elections and that one example is minimizing the processing.

At the CEC board special meeting, Igitol said that absentee packages are being prepared and a list of those who failed to vote in the 2022 general election is being worked on.

Igitol said arrangement for the charter flights to Tinian and Rota for the runoff is also in the works.

She said Public School System schools as polling sites, and bus transportation have been approved for the runoff.

Igitol said a charter boat to get the eight votes from the Northern Islands is being worked on.

She, however, asked the board if they would consider using Department of Public Safety boat to bring the CEC team to the Northern Islands for early voting and on election day if they come to that point because of the short span of time remaining to get a purchase order and three quotes to charter a vessel.

In a later interview, Igitol said they have to send the absentee ballots as soon as possible after they get the ballots printed locally.

"We have 14 days after the runoff to receive those absentees back, and then the board will be able to tabulate it and then certify the results for the runoff," she said.

She said they are not using the tabulating machines because the ballots are going to be printed locally.

"I don't have time to order those ballots [from Nebraska] and get it shipped over on time," Igitol said.

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INDICTED

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charged with conspiracy to transport illegal aliens.

In the most recent case, a group of three Chinese nationals were indicted last week for allegedly entering Guam illegally using a boat. The unsealed indictment filed by assistant U.S. attorney Albert Flores names the defendants as She Gaoqin, Lou Youhou, and Guan Caiping.

Gaoqin, She, and Youhou Lou will be arraigned today Nov. 14, at 3pm, by magistrate judge Heather Kennedy.

It is believed that the three do not have legal immigration status and tried to enter Guam using a boat to avoid immigration processes that was anticipated if travel was completed by commercial airplane.

According to the indictment, on or about July 20, 2022, the defendants, along with four other citizens of the People's Republic of China who also did not have legal immigration status, pooled their money together to purchase a boat for $22,000 on the island of Saipan in the CNMI. The boat, which had CNMI boat registration number CM 4847 PU, was used by the Chinese citizens to complete transportation from the CNMI to Guam on or about July 23, 2022. A boat was used for transportation because the Chinese citizens wanted to avoid immigration processes that was anticipated if travel was completed by commercial airplane. Authorities located the boat after it came ashore on Guam with all six Chinese citizens on July 23, 2022.

The indictment stated that She, Lou, and Guan "combined, conspired, confederated, agreed, and acted interdependently with each other, and with other persons whose names are known and unknown to the grand jury, to commit an offense…specifically, transporting illegal aliens."

If found guilty, the United States wants the defendants to forfeit the boat and other related properties.

Previously, the U.S. District Court for the NMI unsealed two other grand jury indictments charging 16 Chinese nationals in total for illegally entering Guam by boat.

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of the public gathered together at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor last Friday on the 11th month, 11th day, and 11th hour to mark Veterans Day.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang were among the distinguished guests, veterans, and their families who were present at the event and participated in the traditional laying of a wreath at the Circle of Honor.

During their opening and welcoming remarks, CNMI Office of Veteran's Affairs executive officer Marie Salas-Igitol as well as Torres, thanked and appreciated all service members, veterans and their families for their sacrifice and service.

The theme of this year's commemoration was 'All Who Served in Times of War- In Times of Peace.'

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, who was the ceremony's keynote speaker this year, expressed appreciation for the service of every veteran and serviceman, and also shared briefly the history of Veterans Day.

Showing just how many veterans and families were in attendance, the tent was nearly empty when they participated in the laying of a wreath at the Circle. Following the laying of the wreath, the Department of Public Safety performed a 21-gun salute.

Among the veterans present at the event was retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Gregorio M. Sablan Jr. "I served in a combat zone so I've seen a lot of the scars of battle and loss of life, so [Veterans Day] is a way of remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, and be thankful for those who have not only served, but also those who have passed, so we can enjoy what we do every day."

Retired U.S Army Sgt. Ivan Igitol also shared that, as a veteran, he has a greater understanding and respect for Veterans Day "This is something that is close to us because we have fallen soldiers that we leave behind, but are never forgotten. It's pretty hard."

Sablan noted that at many times a "thank you" goes a long way "So when you see a veteran, it is always good to approach a veteran and just thank them for their service, because that 'thank you' goes a long way and means a lot. Especially for the sacrifices and the hard work that we put ourselves through to defend this great nation and for people to enjoy being free every day. So when they say freedom is free…it is not free, it's at a cost, it's at a high price, and a lot of sacrifices as well."

The Veteran's Day ceremony was preceded by the flyover of B-1 Airforce Lancer (bomber) at 12pm.

A team from the Manta Ray Battalion from Saipan Southern High School assisted with the presentation and retiring of colors and in the laying of the wreaths.

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out," according to Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol on Friday.

Igitol said people were really excited to come out and exercise their right to vote.

Out of 19,275 registered voters, 6,326 voted on election day, 1,531 opted for absentee voting, and 6,893 took advantage of early voting, for a total of 14,750 voters.

In the November 2020 general elections, voter turnout was at 72.05%, while in the 2018 elections it was at 77.4%, and in 2014 was at 76.7%.

Meanwhile, former House of the Representatives speaker Oscar Babauta and lawyer Michael Evangelista expressed the concern of the unified independent team before the CEC board during the special board meeting at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe Friday afternoon.

At the start of the meeting, Babauta, who chairs the executive committee of Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, of the unified independent team, asked the board to address their concerns that of their supporters.

Babauta said this is the first time in the history of the Commonwealth where a non-binding political party, an independent team, will go into a contested runoff election.

He said they have to find an amicable solution in allowing the independent team to provide for poll workers similar to the other party.

Babauta, in an interview, said he and Evangelista came to seek guidance and present their case to the Election Commission. He said their main agenda is to protect the integrity of the electoral process and be allowed to submit names from their side to be part of the election process in each polling places—poll workers, poll supervisors, and observers.

"Our mission here is to seek the indulgence of the commission to be allowed because nothing in the law will prevent the election commission from just allowing us; it's a matter of just a board decision," he said.

Evangelista told the board that right now there is no actual prohibition against allowing an independent group but non-recognized party to have poll workers.

"But a lot can be drawn also from the regulation where it allows to have poll observers that can be viewed in parallel to poll workers because the current regulation allows poll workers for unrecognized party or candidates. It's very clear in the regulation. That is allowed," Evangelista said.

CEC board chair Jesus I. Sablan said they will look into the concerns.

Torres-Sablan welcomes Andrew Salas and family

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Sen. Vinnie Sablan (R-Saipan) welcome the full support of independent senatorial candidate Andrew Salas, his mother Abelina Pangelinan Sablan Salas, and their family after a meeting on Saturday.

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In a statement over the weekend, Torres and Sablan said: "We welcome Andrew and his whole family to our family. What they did to him was not right. No one should run under a party and be backstabbed by their own party. Our party is the party of inclusion, the party of diversity, and the party with a real vision for moving the CNMI forward these next four years. We are excited to have Andrew and his family with us, and we will make sure that he is treated with the same level of respect and fairness that has been given to every candidate of the Republican Party."

In a statement, Salas said: "I was so disgusted at what happened that I wanted to just shut everything out. My mother is a Democrat and for her to tell me to move to the GOP was the realization I needed that I should return to the party of my father, Antonio Taitano Salas. My mother and my whole family were welcomed on Saturday with respect and love. I encourage my supporters and our community to vote for Torres-Sablan in this runoff election."

Salas, who ran as an independent, explained that his team had found out that the Palacios-Apatang campaign committee went against him and asked for their campaign to support a rival senatorial candidate internally. ***(GOP)***

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NMC regent chair elected to ACCT nominating committee

Charles Cepeda, who chairs the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents, was recently elected to the Association of Community College Trustees' Regional Nominating Committee.

The association is a nonprofit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern over 1,200 community, technical, and junior colleges in the United States and beyond.

Cepeda was elected to the position after being nominated by ACCT board member Judy Chen Haggerty.

"Charles represents Asian-Pacific Islanders well and makes us proud," Haggerty said. "I am so glad to have the opportunity to connect with Charles and his team."

The purpose of the nominating committee is to nominate a director for their respective ACCT region. Cepeda will serve a two-year term on the Western region nominating committee.

"I am so delighted and honored to have Charles on board," said ACCT Pacific Regional chair Gilbert Wong.

NMC
Northern Marianas College Board of Regents chair Charles Cepeda.

Cepeda was also selected to be a state coordinator for the CNMI, which is part of the Western region of the ACCT. The Western region encompasses Alaska, Yukon Territory, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Palau, Hawaii, Marshall Islands, and American Samoa.

"I am thankful for my fellow regional ACCT members for electing me to this position, and I'd like to thank ACCT president Jee Hang Lee for confirming me to the state coordinator position," Cepeda said. "This opportunity [is a chance for] the college and the board to network at a national level so we can gain a broader understanding of higher education issues and work more collaboratively with other institutions from other parts of the U.S."

The ACCT Coordinators Network structure plays a pivotal role in the effective operation of the association by linking the board of directors and staff with the membership. The goals of the ACCT Coordinator Network are to be a communications link between the regional chairs and member boards, to help retain and solicit members, and to provide regional input into association products, services and activities.

For more information about the ACCT, visit acct.org. ***(PR)***

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INVITATION TO BID

ITB23-GOV-42300004: ROTA HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENTS

SUBMISSION DATE: 10:00 AM ChST DECEMBER 7, 2022

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is soliciting sealed bids for the Rota Healthcare Improvements in Songsong, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This project will be funded by the 702 Covenant funding under the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

The project package will be available in digital format only on **November 7, 2022** at the Capital Improvement Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, during regular working hours.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Rota Health Center located in Songsong, Rota, CNMI at **10:00 AM ChST November 22, 2022**. Proposers may also request to participate virtually via Zoom Meetings five (5) days prior to the meeting scheduled. All attendees are required to use a face mask and exercise social distancing throughout the duration of the meeting.

Questions regarding this ITB may be sumitted via email to Ms. Sunny Aldan at sunny.aldan@gov.mp no later than **4:30 PM ChST November 29, 2022**. All Questions & Answers will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI must fill out and submit the Notice of Intent to Bid Form to the Director of Procurement Services no later than **10:00 AM ChST, December 7, 2022**.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS, AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/s/ Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor, CNMI

/s/ Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Director
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DEVELOPMENT OF ECHO DOCK
PORT OF SAIPAN
CPA RFP NO. CPA-RFP-010-2022
(CPA CONCESSION NO. SEA 2022-01)

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("Authority") is inviting qualified developers and their development teams to submit sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for the development of Echo Dock, which is situated north of the Port of Saipan. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone. This RFP is being issued pursuant to NMIAC § 40-70-205.

The RFP Package is available beginning Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport upon payment of a non-refundable administrative fee of $200.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check, or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Other than this administrative fee, proposers are not required to submit a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Authority will hold a briefing for interested parties at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, to explain the Authority's development objectives, the RFP process, and to answer questions. The meeting will be held at the Authority's Seaport Conference Room, George Fleming Building. All potential applicants are encouraged to attend but it is not mandatory.

All proposers are requested to pay attention to the following significant dates and times:

Date RFP Package becomes available	August 31, 2022 (8:00 AM)
Date of RFP briefing meeting	September 16, 2022 (10:00 AM)
Deadline to submit Notice of Intent	September 28, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Deadline to submit Statement of Qualifications	October 13, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Notification of qualified applicants of the RFP	October 28, 2022
Deadline for RFP submission	November 30, 2022 (4:00 PM)

Qualified proposers shall submit their sealed proposals to the "CPA Evaluation Committee" and mark the outside cover of its submittal as follows: "RFP Proposal: Confidential - Development of the Echo Dock, Saipan (RFP-010-2022)." Five (5) hard copies and one electronic copy on CD, DVD, or flash drive of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. CHST, Wednesday, November 30, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted if sufficient justification exist that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of the CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date **8/26/2022**

Torres-Sablan agrees to debate; no AD response yet

Incumbent Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Sablan (R-Saipan) have called for a gubernatorial and lieutenant gubernatorial debate as part of the runoff election, but reportedly there has been no response yet from the opposing camp of Lt. Gov. Arnold Palacios and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang.

Torres

Sablan

Palacios

Apatang

In a statement, Torres and Sablan said: "Once again our dear people of the CNMI deserve the opportunity to fully compare us directly as candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, before they decide who will lead our islands for the next four years. We publicly asked for a debate and Palacios and Apatang agreed 'Anytime and Anywhere' in their press conference. But they have failed to respond and are backing out of… the debate challenge.

"Again, we are calling for a gubernatorial and lieutenant gubernatorial debate—one-on-one on the same evening one after the other—to give our people an open discussion about our respective plans for the future. We hope that the Palacios-Apatang campaign supports having a real debate on the issues and will respond…" ***(PR)***

Free NMC info session on Nov. 17

Northern Marianas College is inviting all community members who are interested in advancing their careers and furthering their education to attend NMC's free information session on Thursday, Nov, 17, 2022.

The info session will be held from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Olympio T. Borja Library at the college's As Terlaje campus. The session will cover topics that include financial aid options and admissions.

Participants of the info session will qualify to have their application and placement test fees waived for NMC's upcoming spring 2023 semester, a savings of about $75.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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Request for Proposals for: CPA Concession No. CRS-2022-01

Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport
"Car Rental Concession"
CPA-RFP-011-22

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA" or "Authority") is soliciting proposals for the award of one (1) concession granting the privilege to provide motor vehicle rental services to the traveling public (including the provision of insurance related to motor vehicles rented in the operation of such motor vehicle rental services) at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport ("Car Rental Concession"). The successful proposer will be expected to provide motor vehicle rental services in accordance with its concession and concession agreement at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport for a period of eighteen (18) months (contract to end on 05/31/2024) upon entering into a concession agreement with the Authority.

The date of issuance of CPA-RFP-011-22 is **October 12, 2022**, and it can be obtained at the issuing office: CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposals must be addressed to Commonwealth Ports Authority, Attn: Car Rental Concessions Evaluation Committee, CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and submitted to and received by the CPA Administration Office (second floor of arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport) **by or before 4:00 p.m. on November 22, 2022**, at which time the proposal period shall expire. Proposals must be accompanied with a non-refundable administrative fee of $100.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, or cashier's check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority to defray the costs associated with handling and considering the proposal. Proposals are not required to include a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to cancel this RFP and to reject any and all proposals in accordance with its Concession Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 40-70).

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO UPDATE THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY FIRE SERVICE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-002-23

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract to provide professional services in updating the CPA Fire Service Certification Program. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and or products that cannot be evaluate by cost alone (NMIAC § 40-50-225 (a)). The Scope of Work and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning November 07, 2022, upon payment of $100.00 in cash, cashier's check or certified check to the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

Questions and/or clarifications may be directed in writing to Christopher S. Tenorio at chris.tenorio@cnmiports.com with copy to Frederick Pangelinan at fpangelinan @cnmiports.com. All questions and/or clarifications shall be received no later than November 21, 2022. CPA will not entertain questions and/or clarifications after November 21, 2022.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor-Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport no later than 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, DECEMBER 07, 2022. Proposals received after the date/time indicated above will not be opened and will be returned to the Proposer.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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Poison pills: Trump, Roe and the Red Wave that wasn't

Many a pundit predicted that in the first elections since the overturning of Roe v. Wade this summer, crime and inflation would overshadow abortion rights in turning people out to the polls. Tuesday night, Americans around the country proved them wrong.

Five states had abortion-related measures on the ballot, and in an all five, the pro-choice contingent won out. In exit polls, Democratic voters reported being driven primarily by concerns over abortion. It turns out that access to choice is and will likely remain a powerful motivator for many voters, a reality predicted by none other than Donald Trump, who in a classic bit of double-talk earlier this year said that the U.S. Supreme Court's Dobbs decision—one made possible enabled by his own nomination of three hardline conservatives to the court—would be "bad for Republicans."

While the former president was right about that, he was very wrong about voters' affinity for him and his brand of politician. In high-profile race after high-profile race, both statewide contests and swing congressional districts, Trump's motley crew of handpicked candidates underperformed. His star power notwithstanding, Dr. Oz fell to John Fetterman in Pennsylvania. Doug Mastriano, who participated in the Jan. 6 rally that preceded the attack on the Capitol, lost his gubernatorial bid in that same state. Herschel Walker is headed to a Senate runoff in Georgia.

In Maryland and Massachusetts, Republican primary voters nominated full-fledged Trumpers—and decisively surrendered governorships to Democrats. Other Trump acolytes were defeated or are trailing in still-uncalled races, like election denier Kari Lake in her bid for Arizona governor. (Trump and his minions did notch some victories, but the most notable GOP win may have been one that threatens the former president's shot at remaining the Republican standard-bearer: the easy reelection of Gov. Ron DeSantis in Florida.)

We can't help but think that one of the things that energized Democrats and many others exhausted by Trump's brand of politics was the news late last week that he's all but ready to leap into the 2024 race.

The conventional wisdom has long been that there's nothing Trump can ever do to lose the support of his core base. The midterms are the clearest sign yet that his hold is weakening. Huzzah.

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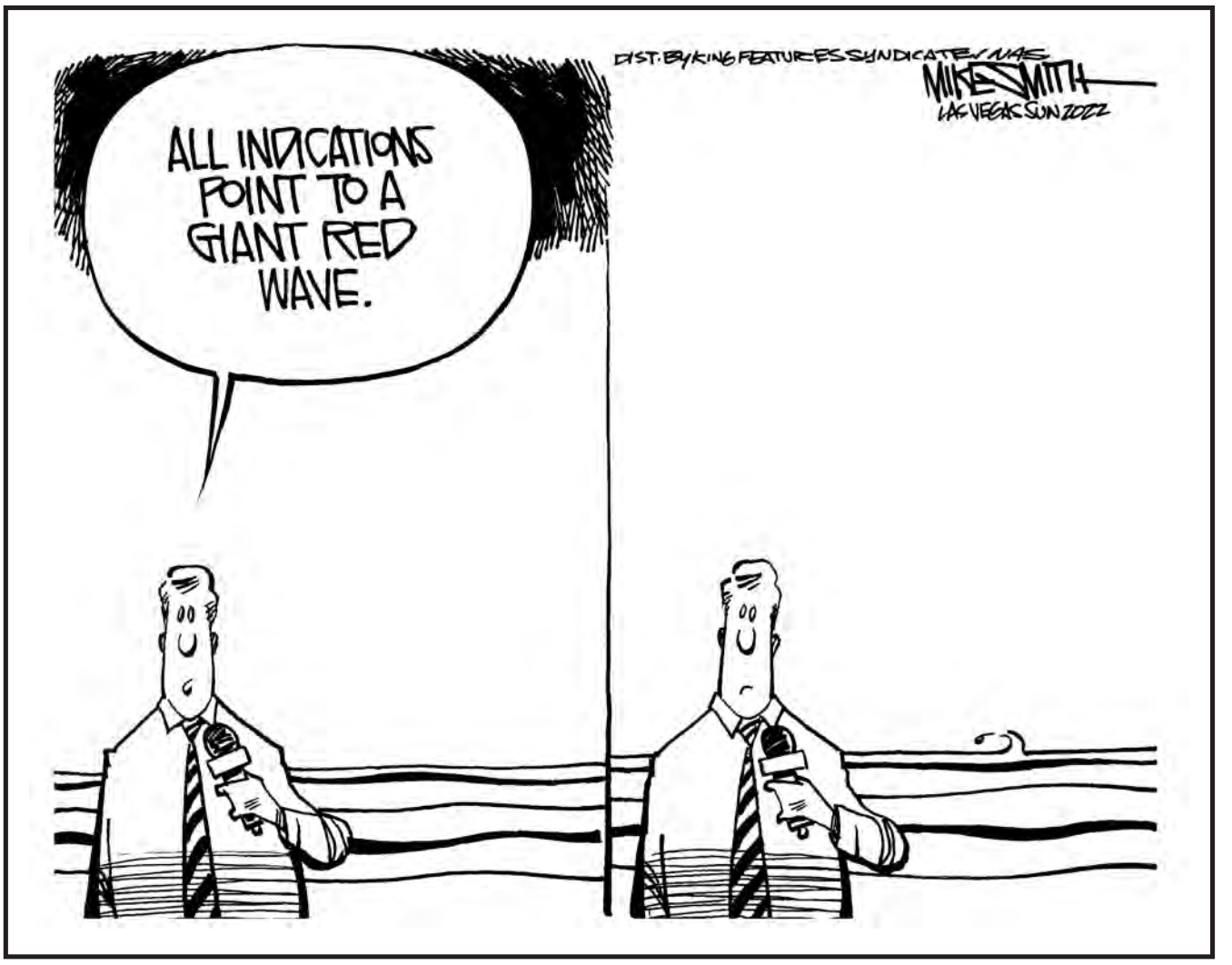

Time is running out to save local news from Big Tech

By DAVID CHAVERN
The Baltimore Sun

David Chavern is president and CEO of News Media Alliance, the news industry's leading trade organization, representing nearly 2,000 diverse publishers in the United States: newsmediaalliance.org.

Local journalism is a cornerstone of democracy and a vital source of information for communities across the country, with newsrooms covering local politics, high school sports, local business openings, cultural events and other matters that help a community remain vibrant and connected. But the industry is facing an existential crisis because of the unyielding power of Big Tech platforms such as Google and Facebook.

With less than four weeks left in this Congress, now is the time for the Senate to pass the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) (S. 673 and H.R. 1735). The JCPA was favorably reported out of Committee on Sept. 22 with strong bipartisan support and now must head to the floor for a vote. The JCPA will hold tech giants accountable and provide a necessary lifeline for local papers, requiring Big Tech to compensate small and local outlets for the use of their content.

Big Tech benefits tremendously from journalism content, yet they refuse to pay local publishers fairly for the journalistic content that fuels their platforms. As a result, local papers are being replaced by tech platforms using black box algorithms designed to keep users inside their walled gardens—all while charging exorbitant ad fees—up to 70 percent of every advertising dollar.

Since 2000, U.S. newspaper circulation has dropped by half, with 31 million fewer daily newspapers in circulation in 2020. The vast majority of U.S. counties with no regular newspaper—"news deserts"—are in rural areas. Despite record audiences, since news outlets transitioned to digital, revenue has drastically declined.

The tech giants have built their empires by profiting off the hard work of journalists without fairly compensating them. And as local publications struggle to stay afloat, Big Tech has only doubled down on their anticompetitive practices, further consolidating their control over the flow of information.

This is fundamentally unfair, and the JCPA will bring about much-needed change.

The JCPA will benefit small and local publishers exclusively and impose severe penalties if the tech platforms do not negotiate with them in good faith. The bill has a limited scope of six years to address a broken marketplace, while the broader competitive landscape is fixed through other legislation and the courts. The JCPA also incentivizes publishers to hire more journalists and protects our constitutional freedoms of speech and the press. The bill's scope is limited to compensation and does not allow for negotiations around up/down ranking or display—it serves only to ensure fair compensation for local news outlets. The JCPA has strict transparency requirements on the terms of each agreement reached between tech platforms and journalism providers and establishes clarity in how news outlets spend the funds they receive.

News publishers around the world are being compensated by Big Tech. Australia passed a similar policy to the JCPA, the News Media Bargaining Code, for media organizations to bargain for payment, which has produced significant revenue (billions of dollars, if translated to the U.S. market) for hundreds of publications of all sizes. One Sydney journalism professor noted that she hadn't seen her industry so financially robust in decades. There are so many open positions for reporters, they cannot all be filled, a signal of the improved economic health of the industry. The swift and clear successes of the Australian Code—and efforts in other countries such as Canada, the UK, European Union, and more—should serve to encourage the passage of the JCPA in the United States.

Thousands of hometown papers from across the political spectrum, as well as both Democrats and Republicans in Congress, support the JCPA. Moreover, in these highly polarized times, polling data found that 70 percent of Americans support the JCPA. The JCPA has such broad support because ultimately, it is about basic fairness.

Local papers cannot afford to endure several more years of Big Tech's use and abuse, and time to take action is dwindling. If Congress does not act soon, we risk allowing social media to become America's de facto local newspaper. The Senate must advance the JCPA to the Senate floor for a vote before the end of the year to rein in Big Tech and restore fairness to local journalism—one of the most important checks and balances we have against corporate power and government corruption—before it's too late.

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The most surprising thing about the midterms

The best thing about the 2022 midterm elections so far is how utterly normal everything has been.

There were no significant disruptions at polling places. If there was voter intimidation on Election Day, it was small-scale enough that it barely registered. There was nothing like the widespread, organized operations by extremist groups as many feared. L

The main post-election reaction seems to be a very normal argument within the GOP about what went wrong and which party faction or strategy or former president is to blame. That, and I very rarely say this about Republicans, is what healthy parties do. Of course, it's still early.

There were signs that things might head in a different direction. During the Republican primaries, some losers resisted conceding. Many election workers were under siege over the summer and into the fall. Armed drop-box "observers" in Phoenix were an ominous sign, and there were scattered reports of intimidation during early voting. But most of it—including the recent attack on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband—seemed more like individual reactions to the fevered Republican atmosphere than organized attacks on democracy.

On Tuesday, Republicans overreacted to minor technical difficulties at some Arizona polling places. (1) Other Republican conspiracy mongers spent Election Day pushing the nonsense idea that vote counting should end before all the ballots were counted—a suggestion that if it had been followed might have cost Republicans votes. But as the day (and night and early morning) progressed, the threat dissipated.

Why? For one thing, most people simply don't have former President Donald Trump's capacity for flat-out falsehoods. Trump, as a candidate, claimed fraud before elections even happened; he claimed fraud even after elections he won. Whether there was even vaguely plausible evidence to support his false claims never seems to bother him much.

President Joe Biden's warnings as well as those from other Democrats helped by laying down some relatively clear lines about what counts as normal and what counts as anti-democratic behavior. It might be that a lot of Republicans don't actually want to be seen as opponents of democracy.

And then there are the elections themselves. In part, everyone was probably lucky that (at least so far) there haven't been any high-profile races decided by extremely narrow margins.

By JONATHAN BERNSTEIN
Bloomberg View

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But perhaps it also demonstrates why the extremely convoluted mechanisms involved with the Electoral College make presidential elections particularly vulnerable. Barring a constitutional amendment, we're stuck with some of that. But other vulnerabilities can be directly traced to the 19th century Electoral Count Act, and those can be reduced or eliminated if Congress passes reforms before adjourning this year.

While our worst fears weren't realized Tuesday, the anti-democratic faction within the Republican Party remains a real threat. But for one day at least, things look a little better.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making sense of the election results

I want to start off by congratulating all those that ran under the AD2022 team and other candidates from another party for their victory in this election.

I am a witness to Arnold Palacios and David Apatang's concern for the team's candidates for mayor, Senate, and the House of Representative in the most current election. They put more efforts for the candidates running under the Team AD than they did for their own election for governor and lieutenant governor. It truly shows by the results of the number of successful elected members under the team.

The recognition of their efforts by the winners of our team acknowledged that by thanking both Arnold and David. They do not take for granted the contribution and effort of both Arnold and Dave. They posted in our chat group their appreciation and to all the other supporters who spent hours of their time for the preparation of logistics and personal contributions. Granted none of us are rich, every little bit helps.

Having to represent the political party I support has been both physically trying and rewarding. More than not, the process requires an overnight stay to observe the system of tabulations to reconcile the ballots before proceeding to the counting of the ballots, but more troubling comes oftentimes past midnight as the counting begins. It is exhausting to start with, but the desire to ensure that we are vigilant to protect the integrity of the process is top in our assignment. It is refreshing to see that the staff and management of the Board of Election are quick to respond to any of our concerns.

It is when the results are being announced that was more stressful. Each time any of our team lagged behind in the results, I felt the adrenalin building up. I feel the impact, most especially when the counting is over and some of the team didn't make it. You go in with the expectation to report back to the headquarters positive numbers. That is not necessarily the case on some occasion. Sometimes it is my sad duty to report disappointment that resulted in several of the team not making the election.

After the final count of the ballots, I had time to reflect on what really happened. It is natural to start off by questioning if you could have done a better job campaigning or begin to speculate in your mind what could have caused that. When you are rested and have the time to reflect, you start to notice things you missed.

For example, Gov. Torres and his running mate garnered 5,726 votes. You then try to rationalize why the candidates under the governor did not win. Then you compare that with AD's 4,890 votes.

Notice that the votes between AD and TS is 836 votes in favor of Torres/Sablan. So, then you ask yourself why did Palacios/Apatang win the *mayor candidate, one senator out of two, two out of four candidates for Precinct 1 representative, both Precinct 2 candidates, three out four candidates for Precinct 3, both candidates for Precinct 4* and the *solo candidate for Precinct 5*? That's a total of 12 successful candidates under the AD team.

Torres/Sablan who received 836 votes more that AD, *didn't win the mayor, lost the Senate, won only one for Precinct 1, lost Precinct 2, lost Precinct 3, lost Precinct 4 and one from Precinct 5* for a total of *only two* wins. Doesn't that appear very strange? Could it be that they are only concerned with *me, me, me* and do not share their votes with the candidates under their team? If I were running under their banner, I would be questioning the results. It defies the odds that they can receive such a large number of votes and leave their soldiers high and dry. Did they think that if they succeeded and took out the sword to charge forward, they may find that no soldiers are charging along with them? I'm so glad that none of our soldiers are questioning the results of the election under the AD team. Despite not receiving a winning number, AD was fortunate that the Democratic Party saw the wisdom in supporting the AD team because they both share the goal of rebuilding trust, providing transparency, accountability and good governance. They are right, both Arnold and Dave should be held to the highest ethical standard after they are elected. It should be simple since that was the campaign in which they ran.

The information I shared here is strictly my opinion. Sometimes there's a need to start rationalizing election results to make sense. This opinion is not to offend anyone but only to feel if anyone else share my analysis.

Pete Reyes
Chalan Laulau, Saipan

Thank you for your support

Thanks for your confidence and for voting for me to represent you. I've dedicated my career and my life to my passions. My passions are our biological environment and our people. I am especially concerned about the legacy that we are creating today for those who will follow behind us. My dad always told me that I have a responsibility to leave things better than what they were when I got here. It is my duty to honor my family and to dedicate myself to our collective future. I selected my platform issues with this in mind: wastewater, watershed, submerged lands, and NMI descendant registry. At first, you might think: What's this guy going on about? But if you follow me, you will see that each item builds to the greatest purpose: the environment and our people—our collective inheritance and our responsibility for guarding our resources for those who come after us.

Our resource agencies have the responsibility, but we need to make sure they have the resources they need to do their job. I will continue to work with this new Legislature to prioritize projects, identify resources, and advocate for sustainability. I believe strongly that we have to prioritize protecting our groundwater, our lagoon, and our submerged lands, and especially making sure that our three-miles state waters are managed equitably. I will continue to push for regulations and plans for the use of our shared resources and be guardian to equity and access as well as environmentally appropriate use of our three-miles state waters and our submerged lands.

Last, I ask you, who are we protecting and conserving the CNMI's resources for? As stewards of Northern Marianas descent, and looking forward to the time that my generation is not here, it is also so important that we move forward with the NMD registry issue. We need to have a clear record of our ancestry, our lineage, and of those who will inherit our islands and their resources.

If you know me, you already know that I am passionate about protecting our resources and establishing sustainable management plans for our future generations. I believe in leading by example and I believe that my generation, like my father's before me, has a responsibility to steward our resources for my son and all the sons and daughters of the CNMI. Even if you don't know me, please be 100% clear that all of my actions are for the care and responsibility that we each have for ourselves and the future of the CNMI.

Ignacio V. "Ike" Cabrera
Kagman, Saipan

One issue on the ballot

Some say there were many issues on the ballot but in reality, it was just one—the morality of the CNMI that must prevail over the corruption and poli-tricks. I can even agree with the AD voters who want real trusted leadership, as it's obvious the majority of voters are against this governor. How can so many of the Torres/Sablan voters throw the morality of the CNMI in the trash for the sake of one man?

I respect everyone's decision but one must ask how can the GOP voters attend Mass on Sunday but accept corruption and poli-tricks on Monday? It has been one fiasco after another for the governor's entire term that he wants voters to believe it is the fault of Democrats—but only his voters were fooled. Voters need to note that even though the Democrat Party cannot endorse another party, the Central Executive Committee has agreed that all Democrats are urged to support the AD Team. The goal of both parties has always been to get rid of the governor and all the ugly mess that he brings to the table. It is prudent and best for the CNMI and for all of us regular folks that independents and Democrats unite to overcome what has become a corrupt political machine run by the governor.

If all the people who voted for AD and the Dems will just show up one more time and continue to vote for AD, the CNMI will surely be a better place to live and work come January 2023. Please get out and vote for AD as the future and integrity of the CNMI is at stake.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	A chance of showers. Partly sunny	A chance of showers. Partly sunny
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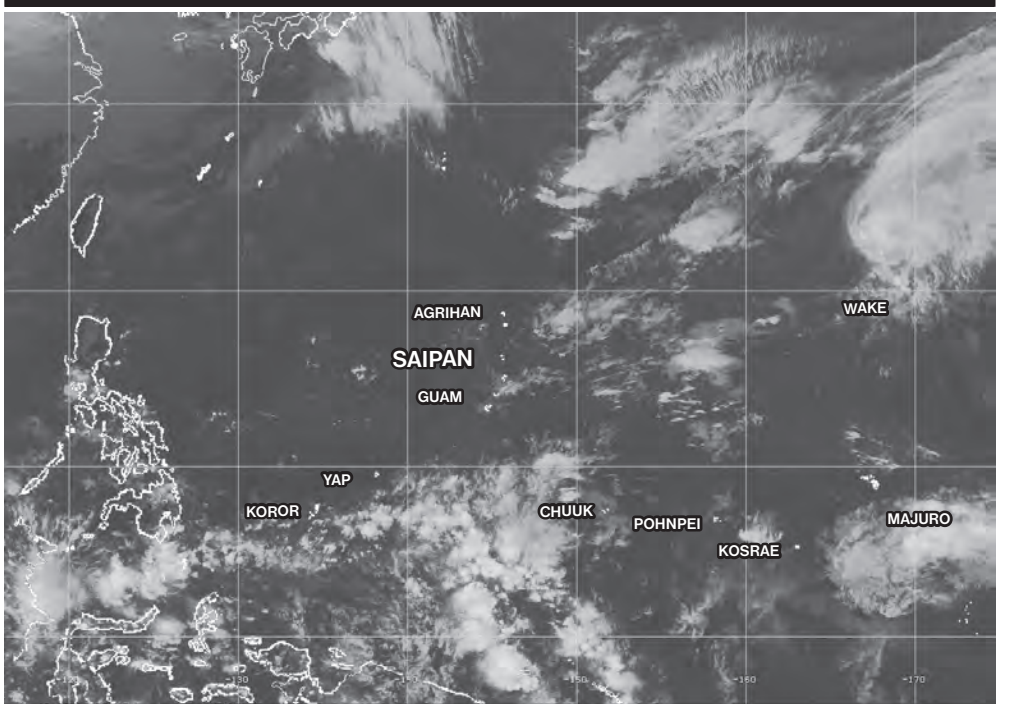

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Satellite and radar imagery show partly cloudy skies and isolated showers in the Marianas coastal waters. Buoy data at Ritidian and Ipan shows seas between 4 and 5 feet.

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Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Palau	Scattered Thunderstorms	84° / 76°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Chuuk	Scattered Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	89° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	72° / 59°
Beijing	Sunny	54° / 29°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	77° / 72°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	84° / 72°
London	Fog	59° / 48°
Los Angeles	Sunny	67° / 46°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	89° / 77°
Melbourne	Rain	65° / 46°
Miami	Mostly Sunny	82° / 72°
New York	Showers	54° / 36°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	63° / 47°
Paris	Light Rain/Fog	58° / 47°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	63° / 45°
Rome	Light Rain	64° / 47°
Salem	Sunny	53° / 33°
San Francisco	Sunny	60° / 41°
Seoul	Cloudy	56° / 36°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	61° / 49°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	50° / 34°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	11:03 AM	10:26 PM
Tuesday	-	11:48 AM	11:18 PM
Wednesday	-	12:30 PM	-
Thursday	12:08 AM	1:09 PM	-
Friday	12:58 AM	1:46 PM	-

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
5:01 AM	Low Tide	-0.19
1:04 PM	High Tide	1.56
6:29 PM	Low Tide	1.23
9:48 PM	High Tide	1.35

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:05AM	9:45AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	7:45AM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	8:00PM	9:50PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	3:40PM	10:35AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

OZ624	3:40PM	7:40PM	3, 6
TW308	4:30PM	8:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:46AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:55PM	4:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	12:40AM	6:30AM	3, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA189/174	12:40AM	8:46AM+1	3, 6 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:46AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:46AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
OZ704/623	11:50PM	2:40PM+1	2, 5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ623	9:00AM	2:40PM	3, 6
TW307	10:00AM	3:30PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3406	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS

INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

NMC grad Dela Rosa passes NCLEX

Northern Marianas College 2022 nursing graduate Warphy Dela Rosa joins the long list of NMC graduates who have passed the challenging National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses or NCLEX-RN.

"We congratulate Warphy and expect to see great things from him as his educational and professional journey continues," NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D. said.

The NCLEX-RN tests an individual's nursing knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. The exam is used by nursing boards in all U.S. states and territories to award nursing licenses.

"We are very proud of Warphy and we wish him the best of luck in his career," NMC Nursing Department chair Rosa T. Aldan said. "Passing the NCLEX-RN and then being licensed as a Registered Nurse are great achievements."

According to Dela Rosa, pursuing a nursing career strengthened his passion for helping others. He attributes his success with the NCLEX to his determination and his support system.

NMC

Northern Marianas College 2022 nursing graduate Warphy Dela Rosa recently passed the NCLEX-RN nursing exam.

"What greatly contributed to my success passing NCLEX-RN are my family for the unconditional love; friends and classmates for the cheerful moments throughout the nursing journey; [the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.], NMC and all our instructors for their unwavering support and generously sharing their knowledge and expertise," Dela Rosa said.

He advises others who are planning to take the exam to plan and reflect. "In addition to having self-discipline, make sure to reflect and meditate at the end of each study session," Dela Rosa said. "Doing this will help you clear your mind and stay focused on exam day."

For more information about NMC's nursing program, email Aldan at rosa.aldan@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NMC RFP 23-003

Construction of the New Student Center for the Northern Marianas College

The Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) office, Northern Marianas College, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the Construction of the New NMC Student Center. The RFP package will be available electronically on Monday, November 7, 2022. Interested proposers can email rfp23-003@marianas.edu. A non-refundable payment of one hundred dollars ($100.00) is required to obtain the electronic RFP Package.

Mandatory Preproposal Conference is scheduled on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 10:00am at the NMC Board of Regents Conference Room, Saipan Campus. Proposal Packages are due no later than **10:00 a.m., Friday, January 6, 2023, Chamorro Standard Time**, at the Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. P, Saipan, MP 96950. Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local vendors in this procurement.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than Friday, December 2, 2022 at 4:00pm(ChST) to Christina Cruz, Interim Procurement Manager, christina.cruz@marianas.edu or rfp23-003@marianas.edu.

This project is 100% Federally Funded, US Treasury listed bonding is required.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals for any reason and waive any defect in said proposals, or cancel in part or its entirety this RFP, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College. All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC and will not be returned.

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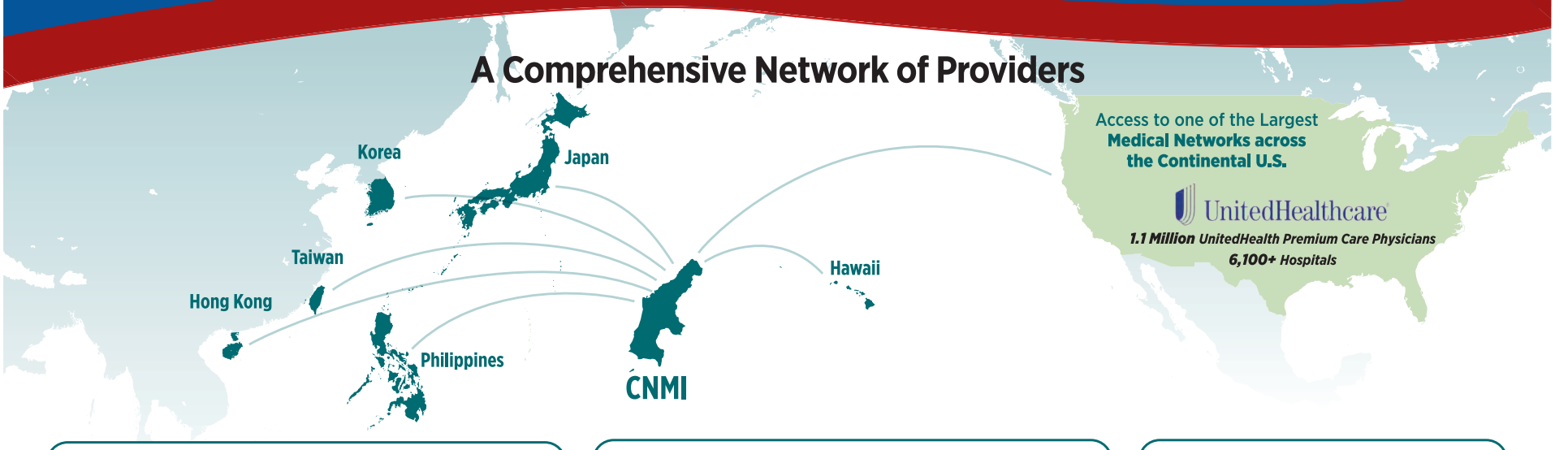

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COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

- Micro Grant program to asist ranchers & farmers of up to $5000 in technical assistance and Food Security Program
- Provided resources to the Garapan Public Farmers Market
- Completion of the Rota West Harbor Rehabilitation project
- Grew local agriculture sales to $1.6 million in commercial sales putting money in the hands of farmers and our local agriculture industry
- Allocated $341k for development of locally sourced livestock through the Tinian Slaughterhouse

CULTURE

- Nurturing Indigenous culture through Project Liffang & Hafa Adai Tirow Tuesday & Thursdays & Fiesta Friday Initiatives
- Continued advocacy for the preservation of traditional skills of open-ocean seafaring, canoe building and celestial navigation
- Support for the House of Chamorros

ECONOMY

- Implementation of Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018
- Mobilized more than $120 million in direct payments to CNMI residents to support economic activity
- Creation of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers to develop initiatives for economic growth & beautification projects
- Accomplished consistent economic development for 3 whole years in US soil
- (2) Economic Impact Payments; stimulus distributeds
- Utility vouchers issued to assist residents due to increased power costs
- Assisting the community & local non-profit organizations with business expansion & diversifying our local economy
- Support for local government operations

VETERANS

- Hosted veterans Town Halls throughout the CNMI
- Groundbreaking of Rota Veterans Cemetary
- Completion of the CNMI Veterans Cemetery Expansion Project worth $3.2M

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

- Youth Takeover Day developed young leaders led by the Office of Youth Affairs
- Increase Nutritional Assistance Benefits and established job training programs for social services

ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC LANDS

- Creation of the Governor's Environmental Council to formulate policy initiatives or community activities to encourage environmental protection, conservation, and sustainable development
- Creation of the Universal Garbage Collection Task Force system to efficiently dispose waste and avoid illegal dumping in the CNMI
- Launched the Marianas Village Pride Campaign to implement village sanitation and beautification projects
- Secured funding to complete the Kagman Watershed Project
- Implementation of Garapan and Laolao Watershed Projects and other related watershed projects on Tinian and Rota
- Adoption of Green Infrastructure Planning Initiatives
- Integration of renewable energy at community pavilions around the islands
- Solar powered energy at Marianas High School, Oleai Elementary School, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Garapan Public Market, & Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs Office
- Issued the first 350 homestead lots in 15 years

EDUCATION

- Established the Marianas School Pride Campaign through the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers
- Ensured our students and educators have access to top tier educational resources and election means in order to succeed in life
- $30M to NMC & PSS to stabilize our education system, ensure continuity of programs and services, & expand online capacity
- $69.8M investment into the public school system
- Ensuring progression of higher education with $10.7M support to Northern Marianas College
- $4.9M in scholarships to support our college students

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Continued advocacy for the CNMI workforce to ensure businesses prioritize US workers
- Welcomed & supported new vocational training institutions
- Increased percentage of US workers to 59% - highest ever
- Increased average hourly wages by 65% since 2014
- Implemented WIOA programs to serve individuals with training & job placement
- Issued over $287M in pandemic unemployment assistance to individuals impacted by COVID-19

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- Strengthened partnership with Department of Interior, DoD, DOT, VA, White House and many other federal agencies
- Two successful 902 negotiations
- Increased federal funding for infrastructure improvement projects
- No bombing of Pagan and Tinian
- $161.8M initial construction phases of the Tinian Divert Airfield
- Successful navigation of federal action on CNMI Visa Waiver, Immigration, Military Buildup & Labor

GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION

- Implementation of new financial management system creating transparency & online access by vendors and government offices
- Secured funding for ferry feasibility study and transportation master plan
- Awarded funding for implementation of Electric Vehicle charging stations
- Awarded $1.9M for recreational outdoor facilities
- Created the Office of Information Technology
- Implementing online e-government platform for government permitting and licensure

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Implemented the Fit to Lead Initiative
- Authorized two hours of administrative leave per week for employees' physical and mental health
- Established the HOPE recovery center to treat instances of substance abuse and addiction
- Hosted the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games
- Improved sports facilities to support island wide youth sports events
- Made historic investments into the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
- Established first oncology center in CNMI

WATER & WASTE MANAGEMENT

- $4.2M for water infrastructure projects throughout CNMI
- $47.8M for water treatment, improved distribution systems, wastewater upgrades, rehabilitation of water supply lines, and gains toward 24-hour drinking water on Saipan

POWER

- First generator in the Saipan Power Plant since 1991
- Largest amount ever of solar power for schools, homes, businesses, and government facilities
- First administration to achieve the CNMI renewable porfolio standard of 20%

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot 182 E 01 containing an area of approximately 4,545 square meters, more or less, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A map showing the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands and website www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Triple Star International Corporation. The lists of officers for Triple Star International Corporation are Wei Gang Xiong, as President, Zhang Qing, as Corporate Secretary.

iii. The proposed lease is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by the officers and directors of Triple Star International Corporation, mainly Wei Gang Xiong.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of the providing recycling services that collect, recycle, and market scrap materials, and the retail sale of electronics and appliances.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property plus the applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts in DPL's regulation.

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the PM Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before November 18, 2022 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT I MAPROPONI NA ATKILON TÅNU´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku mannånå'i nutisia guini put i intension-ñiha para u ma'atkila metton na tanu' pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas. Maseha håyi na pattidå intirisao gi halum hinirât pupbliku siña muna'hålum upiñon, infotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu' pupbliku. Komu mapribeni mås mo'na ginen i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesi na infotmasion manisisita para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu' pupbliku madiskribi komu Lot 182 E 01 ni kunsissisti kåsi 4,545 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi gi hålum Lower Base, iya Saipan. I måpa ni ina'a'annuk i påttin i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku yan gi website i www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.

ii. I prospective lessee i Triple Star international Corporation. I listan nu ufisiåt siha para i Triple Star International Corporation sa si Wei Gang Xiong, komu Presidenti, si Zhang Qing, komu Sekritåriun i Corporate.

iii. I maproponi na atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha yan ginen manegosiu ginen i ufisiåt yan direktot nu i Triple Star International Corporation, mayotmenti si Wei Gang Xiong.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha' na rason mampribebeni setbisiun recycling ni ha rikokohi, recycle, yan mambendi scrap materials, yan i retail sale nu ilektroniks yan appliances.

I tema nu i maproponi na kuntråtan atkilon sa' bentisingku (25) åñus na tiempu.

I maproponi na atkilon gi kada' såkkan gi durântin i teman kuntråtan i atkilon mapega gi put sientus i bålin "appraised fair market" i propiedåt yan i aplikåpbli na put sientus nu Business Gross Receipts gi halum regulasion i DPL.

v. I kopian i maproponi na kuntråtan atkilon siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku, ni gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) na bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan, primet (1st) na bibiendan i De'Ana Commercial Building, giya Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet (1st) na bibiendan nu i PM Building, giya Tini'an. I kopia debi lokkui' na u managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. I Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tåya marisibi ni håfa na tinahguin inofresi siha ni para u ma'atkila i suhetu na tanu' pupbliku gi Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. I Sekritåriun Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku debi na u aksepta tinigi' upiñon, infotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat tinahguin prinoponi siha ginin i manintirisåo na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Nubembre 18, 2022 gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Sa'ipan, Luta pat Tini'an.

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i. Ppwomwol atkkilóónol faluweer toulap e lo bwe Lot 182 E 01 e ffat bwe maat yeel nge 4,545 reel square meters, eghus ngáre maas, iye e lo Lower Base, Seipél. Móópal bwuléy yeel eyoor me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me wóól website www.dpl.mp ngáre u mwuschel amwuri.

ii. Ppomwol schóól atkkilóón nge Triple Star International Corporation. List-al officers ngáli Triple Star International Corporation nge Wei Gang Xiong, bwe Presidente, Zhang Qing, bwe Sekkretóóriyol Corporate.

iii. Ppwomwol atkkilóón nge e angúúngú fengál me mwóghutughutúl DPL me eyoor abwungubwungúl sángi officers me director-il Triple Star International Corporation, spesiatmente Wei Gang Xiong.

iv. Schóól atkkilóón ebwe yááyá falúw ebwe yááyá falúw ngáli mwóghutughutúl ayooral alilisil "recycling" iye ebwe bweibwogh, "recycle", "market scrap materials", me akkaméélól "electronics" me appliances".

Ppomwol abwungubwungúl atkkilóón nge ruweigh me limoow ráágh.

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Business

Funds vanish at bankrupt crypto exchange FTX; probe underway

NEW YORK (AP)—Collapsed cryptocurrency trading firm FTX confirmed there was "unauthorized access" to its accounts, hours after the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Friday.

The embattled company's new CEO John Ray III said Saturday that FTX is switching off the ability to trade or withdraw funds and taking steps to secure customers' assets, according to a tweet by FTX's general counsel Ryne Miller. FTX is also coordinating with law enforcement and regulators, the company said.

Exactly how much money is involved is unclear, but analytics firm Elliptic estimated Saturday that $477 million was missing from the exchange. Another $186 million was moved out of FTX's accounts, but that may have been FTX moving assets to storage, said Elliptic's co-founder and chief scientist Tom Robinson.

A debate formed on social media about whether the exchange was hacked or a company insider had stolen funds, a possibility that cryptocurrency analysts couldn't rule out.

Until recently, FTX was one of the world's largest cryptocurrency exchanges. It was already short billions of dollars when it sought bankruptcy protection Friday and its former CEO and founder, Sam Bankman-Fried, resigned.

The company had valued its assets between $10 billion to $50 billion, and listed more than 130 affiliated companies around the world, according to its bankruptcy filing.

The unraveling of the once-giant exchange is sending shockwaves through the industry, with companies that backed FTX writing down investments and the prices of bitcoin and other digital currencies falling. Politicians and regulators are calling for stricter oversight of the unwieldy industry. Experts say the saga is still unfolding.

"We'll have to wait and see what the fallout is, but I think we are going to see more dominoes falling and an awful lot of people stand to lose their money and their savings," said Frances Coppola, an independent financial and economic commentator. "And that is just tragic, really."

The timing and the extent of access that the assumed hacker appeared to achieve, siphoning money from multiple parts of the company, led Coppola and other analysts to theorize that it could have been an inside job.

FTX said Saturday that it's moving as many digital assets as can be identified to a new "cold wallet custodian," which is essentially a way of storing assets offline without allowing remote control.

"It does look as if the liquidators didn't act fast enough to stop some kind of siphoning off of funds from FTX after it filed for bankruptcy, and that's bad, but it just shows how complex this thing is," Coppola said.

Initially, some people were hoping that perhaps all the missing funds were liquidators or bankruptcy administrators trying to move assets to a more secure spot. But it would be unusual for that to happen on a Friday night, said Molly White, cryptocurrency researcher and fellow with the Library Innovation Lab at Harvard University.

"It looked very different from what a liquidator might do if they were trying to secure the funds," she said.

White also said there are signs of possible insider involvement. "It seems unlikely that someone who is not an insider could have pulled off such a massive hack with so much access to FTX systems."

The collapse of FTX highlights the need for cryptocurrency to be regulated more like traditional finance, Coppola said.

"Cyrpto isn't in the very early stages anymore," she said. "We've got ordinary people putting their life savings into it."

Ukraine war, tensions with China loom over big Bali summit

NUSA DUA, Indonesia (AP)—A showdown between Presidents Joe Biden and Vladimir Putin isn't happening, but the fallout from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and growing tensions between China and the West will be at the fore when leaders of the world's biggest economies gather in tropical Bali this week.

The Group of 20 members begin talks on the Indonesian resort island Tuesday under the hopeful theme of "recover together, recover stronger." While Putin is staying away, Biden will meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping and get to know new British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Italy's Giorgia Meloni.

The summit's official priorities of health, sustainable energy and digital transformation are likely to be overshadowed by fears of a sputtering global economy and geopolitical tensions centered on the war in Ukraine.

The nearly nine-month-old conflict has disrupted trade in oil, natural gas and grain, and shifted much of the summit's focus to food and energy security.

The U.S. and allies in Europe and Asia, meanwhile, increasingly are squaring off against a more assertive China, leaving emerging G-20 economies like India, Brazil and host Indonesia to walk a tightrope between bigger powers.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo has tried to bridge rifts within the G-20 over the war in Ukraine. Widodo, also known as Jokowi, became the first Asian leader since the invasion to visit both Russia and Ukraine in the summer.

He invited President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine, not a G-20 member, to join the summit. Zelenskyy is expected to participate, likely online.

"One of the priorities for Jokowi is to ease the tension of war and geopolitical risk," said Bhima Yudhistira, director of the Center of Economic and Law Studies in Indonesia's capital, Jakarta.

Last year's G-20 summit in Rome was the first in-person gathering of members since the pandemic, though the leaders of Russia and China didn't attend.

This year's event is bracketed by the United Nations climate conference in Egypt and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit in Cambodia, which Biden and some other G-20 leaders are attending, and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Thailand right afterward.

The American president vowed to work with Southeast Asian nations on Saturday, saying "we're going to build a better future that we all want to see" in a region where China is working to grow its influence.

One concrete question hanging over the Bali summit is whether Russia will agree to extend the U.N. Black Sea Grain Initiative, which is up for renewal Nov. 19.

The July deal allowed major global grain producer Ukraine to resume exports from ports that had been largely blocked for months because of the war. Russia briefly pulled out of the deal late last month after its Black Sea fleet was attacked, only to rejoin it days later.

Nation

Dems keep Senate majority as GOP push falters in Nevada

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats kept control of the Senate on Saturday, repelling Republican efforts to retake the chamber and making it harder for them to thwart President Joe Biden's agenda. The fate of the House was still uncertain as the GOP struggled to pull together a slim majority there.

Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto's victory in Nevada gave Democrats the 50 seats they needed to keep the Senate. Her win reflects the surprising strength of Democrats across the U.S. this election year. Seeking reelection in an economically challenged state that has some of the highest gas prices in the nation, Cortez Masto was considered the Senate's most vulnerable member, adding to the frustration of Republicans who were confident she could be defeated.

"We got a lot done and we'll do a lot more for the American people," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Saturday night. "The American people rejected — soundly rejected — the anti-democratic, authoritarian, nasty and divisive direction the MAGA Republicans wanted to take our country."

With the results in Nevada now decided, Georgia is the only state where both parties are still competing for a Senate seat. Democratic incumbent Sen. Raphael Warnock faces GOP challenger Herschel Walker in a Dec. 6 runoff. Alaska's Senate race has advanced to ranked choice voting, though the seat will stay in Republican hands.

Democratic control of the Senate ensures a smoother process for Biden's Cabinet appointments and judicial picks, including those for potential Supreme Court openings. The party will also keep control over committees and have the power to conduct investigations or oversight of the Biden administration, and will be able to reject legislation sent over by the House if the GOP wins that chamber.

In Phnom Penh, Cambodia, for the summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Biden said of the election results: "I feel good. I'm looking forward to the next couple of years."

He said winning a 51st seat from the Georgia runoff would be important and allow Democrats to boost their standing on Senate committees.

"It's just simply better," Biden said. "The bigger the number, the better."

If Democrats manage to pull off a win in the House, it would mean full control of Congress for Democrats — and another chance to advance Biden priorities, which he has said include codifying abortion rights. The party still lacks the 60 votes in the Senate needed to move many kinds of major legislative changes.

Biden, who called to congratulate Cortez Masto, said he was still hopeful that Democrats could hold the House.

"It's a stretch," he acknowledged. "Everything has to fall our way."

The Senate fight had hinged on a handful of deeply contested seats. Both parties spent tens of millions of dollars in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Nevada and Georgia, the top battlegrounds where Democrats had hoped that Republicans' decision to nominate untested candidates—many backed by former President Donald Trump—would help them defy national headwinds.

Democrats scored a big win in Pennsylvania, where Lt. Gov. John Fetterman defeated celebrity heart surgeon Dr. Mehmet Oz, who was endorsed by Trump, to pick up a seat currently held by a Republican. Arizona Sen. Mark Kelly won reelection by about 5 percentage points.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS
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RFP22– RED001
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 30, 2022

"MANAGAHA ISLAND MASTER CONCESSION OPERATOR"

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms interested in being the Exclusive Master Concession Operator for service and activities on or relating to Managaha Island.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available online at www.dpl.gov.mp. Interested proposers may request an RFP Packet by email referenced **"RFP22-RED001 MANAGAHA CONCESSION".**

A pre-proposal tour of the island for all interested parties will be held on Managaha Island on **November 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m**. Additional site visits may be requested through DPL. Interested parties must arrange their own transportation to and from the island.

Questions from proposing firms regarding the premises and the contents of the RFP Packet must be received, **no later than 4:00 pm on November 18, 2022 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar, Secretary, DPL at the following address:

Department of Public Lands
2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building
P.O. Box 500380
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone number(s): (670) 234-3751/52/53
Facsimile number: (670) 234-3755
Email: sixto.igisomar@dpl.gov.mp or dpl@dpl.gov.mp

Sealed proposals must be marked **"RFP22-RED001 MANAGAHA ISLAND MASTER CONCESSION OPERATOR".** One (1) original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the DPL at its address above **no later than 4:00pm ChST, on November 30, 2022. A non-refundable Administrative Processing Fee of Seventy Five Dollars ($75.00)** is required upon submission of a proposal and payment must be made through cash or check payable to: Department of Public Lands.

By submitting a proposal, the interested firm agrees to enter into a concession agreement. DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All costs associated with preparing a proposal are entirely the responsibility of proposers. All proposals shall become the sole property of DPL.

/s/ SIXTO K. IGISOMAR, DPL Secretary

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 22-01
United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands

Case Administrator

Permanent, Full-Time Position - Location: SAIPAN, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI)
Starting grade: CL-23 step 1 to CL-24 Step 25 ($40,243 to $55,717 which includes 12.45 % COLA)
(Depending on qualifications and experience; promotion potential to CL-25 without further competition)
(Ultimate pay potential CL 25 ($56,183 - $80,027) by progressive performance and career salary progression)
Opening Date: November 8, 2022 • Applications received by November 21, 2022 will be given priority.

Position Overview:
The Case Administrator will review, process, and maintain records of court cases and assist in handling the progression of cases to final disposition. Other duties include cashiering, mail processing, customer service, scanning and copying documents, and organizing and shelving library materials. Additional duties will be assigned in Procurement or as Relief Courtroom Deputy. Obtain a copy of the complete position description at https://www.uscourts.gov/careers/current-job-openings/121889 This position includes full federal employment benefits, with paid leave and holidays, health insurance, life insurance, and federal retirement benefits.

Minimum Qualifications and Preferred Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent with at least two years of general work experience. Education above the high school level may be substituted for required general work experience. Additional preference will be given for college graduate and work experience in a court or legal environment. Applicants should demonstrate sound ethics and judgment, be able to communicate effectively (orally and in writing), and be skilled in word processing, spreadsheets, and be trainable in using automated systems. Additional preference will be given for skill in using automated case management systems. Successful completion of an aptitude test may be required.

Citizenship Requirement:
Applicants are required to be U.S. citizens or aliens who are authorized to work in the United States.

Notice to Applicants:
Excepted service appointments are "at will" and may be terminated by either the court or the employee at any time for any reason. Selectees may be subject to a background check or investigation and suitability determination; and may be subject to an updated background investigations every five years. Employees are subject to the Judicial Code of Conduct. Direct bank deposit of pay is required.

Application Procedure:
Each applicant is required to submit a Cover Letter, Resume, and an AO-78 application form. (Questions 18, 19, and 20 on page 5 of the AO-78 need not be answered.) AO-78 forms are at: *https://www.uscourts.gov/forms/human-resources-forms/application-judicial-branch-federal-employment* or may be picked up at the U.S. District Court. Position is open until filled; applications received by November 21, 2022 will be given priority.

We prefer you to email signed applications to:
HR@nmid.uscourts.gov

You may deliver signed applications to:
Clerk of Court
United States District Court
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3rd Floor, United States Courthouse, Gualo Rai, Saipan

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Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

Southeast Asian leaders call for unity amid global tensions

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Cambodian leader Hun Sen called for unity Sunday, telling a gathering including Russia, China and the United States that current global tensions have been taking a toll on everyone. The prime minister, whose country holds the rotating chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, said at the opening of the East Asia Summit that it was in the world's common interest to cooperate to solve differences peacefully. The comments come as regional tensions remain high between the United States and China over Taiwan and Beijing's growing regional aspirations, and while the Russia invasion of Ukraine has disrupted global supply chains, causing rising energy and food prices far beyond Europe. Without singling out any nation by name, Hun Sen said he hoped leaders would embrace a "spirit of togetherness in upholding open and inclusive multilateralism, pragmatism and mutual respect in addressing the existential and strategic challenges we all face." "Many current challenges and tensions have been hindering our past hard-earned efforts to promote sustainable development and causing greater hardship to people's lives," he said as he opened the meeting, which is running in parallel to the ASEAN group's main summit.

Taiwan says Chinese fighter jets fly near island

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—China's military flew 36 fighter jets and bombers near Taiwan, the Taiwanese defense ministry announced, part of a long-running campaign of intimidation against the self-ruled island democracy that Beijing claims as part of its territory. Ten of the aircraft on Saturday flew across the median line in the Taiwan Strait that separates the island from the mainland, the ministry said. It said they included six Shenyang J-11 and four J-16 aircraft. Taiwan and China split in 1949 following a civil war that ended with the Communist Party in control of the mainland. The island never has been part of the People's Republic of China, but Beijing says it is obliged to unite with the mainland, by force if necessary. Chinese President Xi Jinping's government stepped up efforts this year to intimidate Taiwan. It has sent fighter planes and bombers to fly near the island and fired missiles into the sea. On Saturday, Taiwan's military also spotted four Chengdu J-10 fighters, a Y-8 antisubmarine warfare plane and three H-6 bombers southwest of the island, the Ministry of Defense said on its website. It said three Chinese drones also were detected.

Imran Khan urges followers to march on Islamabad without him

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan urged his followers Thursday to resume their protest march on the country's capital to demand early elections—even though he is staying out of the march for now, a week after he was wounded in the leg in a gunman's attempt on his life. Khan spoke in a video-link to his supporters from his home in Lahore, where he has been recovering from surgery following the attack. He was wounded last Thursday when the gunman opened fire on the protest convoy he was leading, killing one of his supporters and wounding 13 people, including two lawmakers. After the attack, Khan suspended the march, though his supporters blocked roads in urban areas across Pakistan for several days, often clashing with police. Khan, who was ousted in a no-confidence vote in Parliament in April, has refused to accept his political defeat and has since rallied his followers to protest instead. Last week's attack on the former prime minister raised concerns about growing political instability in Pakistan, which has a history of political violence and assassinations.

Filipino troops, rebels forge truce after fighting kills 10

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops forged a ceasefire with Muslim guerrillas after 10 combatants were killed in clashes in a southern village and frantic efforts were made to prevent an escalation that could threaten a major peace accord, military commanders and the rebels said Friday. The sporadic clashes erupted Tuesday and Wednesday in Ulitan village on the island province of Basilan, where emergency talks arranged by government and rebel mediators led to an indefinite ceasefire agreement late Thursday between army forces and Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebel commanders. The clashes left three soldiers dead and 15 others wounded, regional military spokesman Lt. Col. Abdurasad Sirajan said. A former rebel commander, Dan Asnawi, told The Associated Press at least seven insurgents were killed and six others were wounded. The conflict underscored the fragility of law and order in a southern region faced with a surfeit of loose firearms, private armies, crushing poverty and a long history of violence. Government and rebel mediators were "able to stop the fighting with a dialogue between both sides," regional military commander Brig. Gen. Arturo Rojas said. "It was an unfortunate event since both sides incurred casualties."

China tightens restrictions as rise in virus cases reported

BEIJING (AP)—Everyone in a district of 1.8 million people in China's southern metropolis of Guangzhou was ordered to stay home for virus testing Saturday and a major city in the southwest closed schools as another rise in infections was reported. Nationwide, a total of 11,773 infections were reported over the previous 24 hours, including 10,351 people with no symptoms. China's numbers are low, but the past week's increase is challenging a "zero-COVID" strategy that aims to isolate every infected person. The quarantine for travelers arriving in China is to be shortened to a minimum of five days from seven as part of changes in controls announced Friday to reduce their cost and disruption. But the ruling Communist Party said it would stick to "zero COVID" even as other countries ease travel and other curbs and try to shift to a long-term strategy of living with the virus. A total of 3,775 infections were found in Guangzhou, a city of 13 million, including 2,996 in people who showed no symptoms, according to the National Health Commission. That was an increase from Friday's total of 3,030, including 2,461 without symptoms.

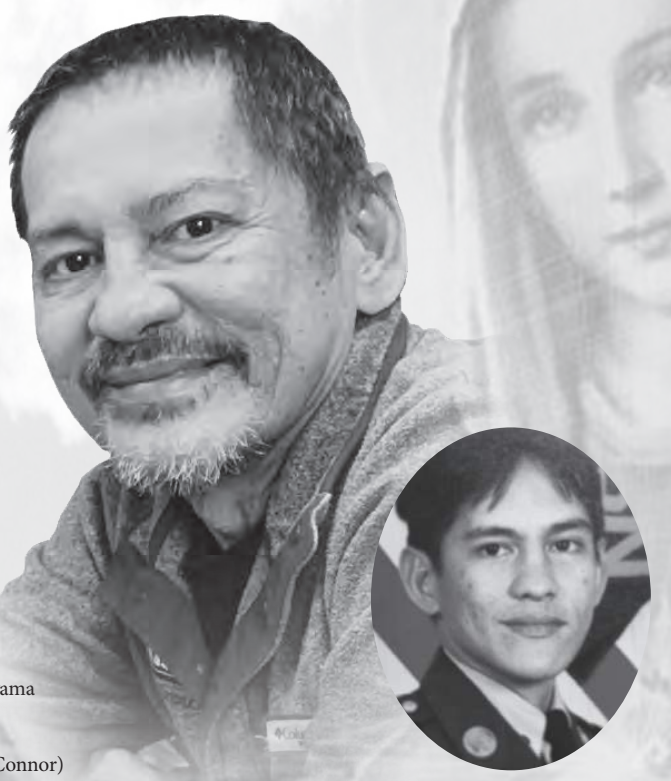
In Loving Memory of

†Pedro Agulto Deleon Guerrero

BORN: MAY 18, 1961

WAS CALLED TO ETERNAL REST ON OCTOBER 24, 2022 AT 2AM IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

In his new life, he now joins his:



Parents:
Father: †Jose Cabrera Deleon Guerrero
Mother: †Trinidad Agulto Deleon Guerrero
Parents-In-Law:
Father-In-Law: †Luis Sablan Arriola
Mother-In-Law: †Patring Arriola
Brothers: †Vicente Jose Agulto Deleon Guerrero
†Joaquin Agulto Deleon Guerrero
†Francisco Xavier Agulto Deleon Guerrero
Sister: †Rosario Deleon Guerrero Kumagai
Sister-In-Law: †Rosa Taimaniao Deleon Guerrero
†Rosa Arriola
Brother-In-Law: †Tadao Kumagai
†Zosimo Carandang
†Pedro Arriola
Grandson: †Obit John Lizama
Nephews: †Martin Deleon Guerrero Indalecio
†Gary Keith Deleon Guerrero
†Jose Deleon Guerrero Kumagai
†Ray Tadashi Deleon Guerrero Kumagai
†Vicente Deleon Guerrero Kumagai
Grand Nephews: †Noah Deleon Guerrero Salas
Niece: †Maria Deleon Guerrero Kumagai

He will be missed and forever remembered in the hearts of his:
Wife: Marites Arriola Deleon Guerrero
Children: Peter Joe B. Deleon Guerrero/ Adeline Tereyama
(Ha'ani, Ayden, Miara, Peyton,
Ayleina, Peter Joe II (Junjun)
Vanessa Dlg. & Nick Reyes (Alana, Nick Jr. Connor)
Quinton A. Deleon Guerrero
Liberty A. Deleon Guerrero
Paul A. Lizama (Cayden, Paul Jr. Hailey, Angelina II)
Ashley A. Lizama & Paul Santos
Robby Jon Taman (Zoey Madison)
Brothers & Sisters & Family:
Jesus A. Deleon Guerrero & Family
Annie Dlg. /Wayne Gilespie & Family
Dolores Dlg. /Akioshi Yamagishi & Family
Erica Dlg. /Augusto Evangelista & Family
Jose A./Kumiko Deleon Guerrero & Family
Theresita A. Deleon Guerrero & Family
Ramon A./Rhia O. Deleon Guerrero & Family
Rita Dlg. /Ivan F. Tudela & Family
Margarita Dlg. /Timothy Severson & Family

Brothers & Sisters-In-Laws & Family:
Magdalena I. Deleon Guerrero & Family
Marivic Ampo & Children
Ramon Carandang /Rizza & Children
Manding Canrandang
Cristy A. /David Cruz & Children
Evelyn A. /Newman Techur & Family
Antonio C. /Mayumi Arriola & Children
Maryann V. Carandang & Children
Reared Sisters: Remedio M. Santos
Lucinda S. Inos

Additionally, he will be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, godchildren, relatives, and friends.

Nighty Mass is being offered at 6:00 pm Monday – Saturday and 8:00 am on Sunday at St. Jude Church in Koblerville.

On November 15, 2022 at 8:30am, our beloved †Pedro will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to the Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso service will take place upon arrival of his remains followed by recitation of the holy rosary, and public viewing will start after. Christian Mass will be celebrated beginning at 11 am and burial will follow after, at the Veteran's Cemetery in Marpi.

Thank you very much for your thoughts and prayers.

Marites A. Deleon Guerrero and Family

World

Zelenskyy says Ukrainian special military units in Kherson

MYKOLAIV, Ukraine (AP)—Ukraine's president said Friday that special military units have entered Kherson, a major regional capital that Russian forces had captured early in the war. Residents took to the streets to celebrate Russia's withdrawal, the latest pullback by Moscow as it faces intense resistance.

In a video address hours after Russia said it had completed withdrawing troops from the strategically key city, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said: "As of now, our defenders are approaching the city. In quite a bit, we are going to enter. But special units are already in the city."

Russia relinquished its final foothold in the major city, one of the first to be captured in the invasion that began Feb. 24. The withdrawal could act as a springboard for further advances into occupied territory.

Russia's Defense Ministry said its troops finished withdrawing from the western bank of the river that divides Ukraine's Kherson region at 5 a.m. The area they left included the city of Kherson, the only provincial capital Russia had captured during its nearly nine-month invasion of Ukraine.

Videos and photos on social media showed residents jubilantly taking to the streets, waving Ukrainian flags and chanting in celebration. A Ukrainian flag flew over a monument in a central Kherson square for the first time since the city was seized in early March. Some footage showed crowds cheering men in military uniform and tossing one man wearing combat fatigues up in the air. Other videos showed villagers embracing troops en route to the city.

Zelenskyy

Ukrainian officials have not yet confirmed the city was in Ukrainian hands.

Zelenskyy said Russian forces placed mines in the city and that after troops enter they will be followed by sappers, rescue workers and energy personnel. Despite the daunting tasks ahead, "Medicine, communications, social services are returning. ... Life is returning," he said.

Ukrainian intelligence urged Russian soldiers who might still be in the city to surrender in anticipation of Ukrainian forces arriving. "Your command left you to the mercy of fate," it said in a statement.

A Ukrainian regional official, Serhii Khlan, disputed the Russian Defense Ministry's claim that its 30,000 retreating troops took all 5,000 pieces of equipment with them, saying "a lot" of hardware got left behind.

The final Russian withdrawal came six weeks after Russian President Vladimir Putin illegally annexed the Kherson region and three other Ukrainian provinces, vowing they would remain Russian forever. Moscow's forces still control about 70% of the Kherson region.

In Kyiv, celebrations on the capital's main square continued into the night, with people popping open wine bottles and shouting "Glory to Ukraine." Some expressed surprise at the speed of events.

"I thought the Russian army would defend and there'd be a kind of siege like in Mariupol," the eastern port devastated in weeks of battle, said Andrey Trach, a resident of Odessa who works in Kyiv. "It's a very significant day for Ukraine because it shows the entire world that Ukraine can and definitely will defend every square kilometer and inch of territory."

French President Emmanuel Macron sent tweets in French and Ukrainian saluting Ukraine's recapture of Kherson, calling it "an important step toward the full restoration of its sovereign rights."

The Kremlin remained defiant Friday, insisting the withdrawal in no way represented an embarrassment for Putin. Moscow continues to view the entire Kherson region as part of Russia, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

He added that the Kremlin doesn't regret holding festivities to celebrate the annexation of occupied or partially occupied regions of Ukraine, deferring all questions about the Kherson withdrawal to the Defense Ministry.

Putin has so far been silent about Kherson, despite making several public appearances since the withdrawal was announced.

Shortly before the Russian announcement, Zelenskyy's office described the situation in the province as "difficult." It reported Russian shelling of villages and towns Ukrainian forces reclaimed in recent weeks during their counteroffensive in the Kherson region.

The General Staff of Ukraine's army said the Russian forces left looted homes, damaged power lines and mined roads in their wake. Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak had predicted the departing Russians would seek to turn Kherson into a "city of death" and would continue to shell it after relocating across the Dnieper River.

Some quarters of the Ukrainian government barely disguised their glee at the pace of the Russian withdrawal.

"The Russian army leaves the battlefields in a triathlon mode: steeplechase, broad jumping, swimming," Andriy Yermak, a senior presidential adviser, tweeted. Social media videos showed villagers hugging Ukrainian troops.

Ethiopia, Tigray military leaders agree on peace roadmap

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Top military commanders from Ethiopia and its embattled Tigray region have agreed to allow unhindered humanitarian access to the region and form a joint disarmament committee following last week's truce.

The commanders, who since Monday have been meeting in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi, signed an agreement Saturday that they said calls for disengagement from all forms of military activities.

Both parties have agreed to protect civilians and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid to the region of more than 5 million people, according to a copy of the agreement seen by The Associated Press.

The agreement states that disarmament will be "done concurrently with the withdrawal of foreign and non-(Ethiopian military) forces" from Tigray.

The lead negotiator for Ethiopia, Redwan Hussein, told the AP that Saturday's signing event created a conductive environment for ongoing peace efforts, noting that the next meeting of military leaders will "most likely" be held in Tigray in mid-December before a final meeting in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, in January.

In a separate statement late Saturday, Ethiopia's federal authorities said that "efforts are being made to deliver humanitarian assistance to most of the Tigray region which is under (Ethiopian military) command."

That statement noted that representatives of Ethiopian and Tigrayan militaries meeting in Kenya discussed "detailed plans for disarmament" of Tigray forces, including an agreement on the entry of Ethiopian forces into the Tigrayan capital of Mekele.

The African Union-led talks in Nairobi followed the cessation of hostilities agreement signed by Ethiopia and Tigray leaders in South Africa last week.

Former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, who is helping to facilitate the talks, said Saturday that "humanitarian aid should have resumed like yesterday." Former Kenyan president Uhuru Kenyatta, who is also involved in the talks, thanked the commanders for their commitment to peace.

The Tigray conflict began in November 2020, less than a year after Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for making peace with Eritrea, which borders the Tigray region and whose fighters have been fighting alongside Ethiopian federal troops in Tigray.

Eritrea is not explicitly mentioned in the peace papers, and a diplomat who attended the talks in Nairobi said the issue of Eritrea was a sticking point this week.

The brutal fighting in Tigray, which spilled into Amhara and Afar regions as Tigrayan forces tried to break the military blockade of their region, reignited in August after months of lull that allowed thousands of trucks carrying humanitarian aid into Tigray.

UN rights body to hold urgent session on Iran amid crackdown

GENEVA (AP)—The U.N.'s top human rights body is poised to hold a special session on Iran in the wake of the government's deadly crackdowns on protesters, threats against journalists and other alleged human rights violations in the Islamic republic.

The Human Rights Council will hold the session in the week of Nov. 21 "if possible on Nov. 24," following a diplomatic request by Germany and Iceland.

Germany sent a letter to the council offices Friday announcing the call for a special session "to address the deteriorating human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, especially with respect to women and children."

At least one-third of the council's 47 member states need to support such a request and the move by Germany suggests it has lined up enough backing.

The protests in Iran, sparked by the Sept. 16 death of a 22-year-old woman after her detention by the country's morality police, have grown into one of the largest sustained challenges to the nation's theocracy since the chaotic months after its 1979 Islamic Revolution. Security forces have sought to quash dissent.

After the protests erupted, the United States and European Union imposed additional sanctions on Iran for its brutal treatment of demonstrators and its decision to send hundreds of drones to Russia for use in its war in Ukraine. EU foreign ministers are expected to agree on additional sanctions Monday.

At least 328 people have been killed in the Iran protests and 14,825 others arrested, according to Human Rights Activists in Iran, a monitoring group.

Iran's government for weeks has remained silent on casualty figures.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

†Herman Castro Santos

Also known as "Cousin"

Born on July 12, 1941 - Died on November 07, 2022

His memories will forever live in the heart of his:
Wife: Rita Camacho Santos

On Wednesday, November 16, 2022, Herman's remains will leave CHC Morgue at 7:00am to Santa Soledad Church, Kagman. Public viewing is open from 7:30am – 9:00am.
Funeral mass will begin at 9:00am.
Cremation to follow at Borja's Funeral Home.

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

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All about food allergies and intolerances

DEAR MAYO CLINIC: I'm a grandmother to three wonderful grandchildren. My oldest grandchild is lactose intolerant. Recently, my youngest grandchild was diagnosed with a peanut allergy. What is the difference between food intolerance and allergy?

ANSWER: Life at the dinner table is different for thousands of people in the U.S. living with a food allergy. Recent studies show that approximately 5% of children under the age of 5 and 3% of adults have food allergies.

Food allergies and intolerances often are confused for one another. The symptoms can be similar.

If you have a food allergy, your body overreacts to a specific food as if it were a threat. This can occur when you ingest even the smallest amount of the food. For some people, the allergy may be triggered by smelling or coming into contact with the food.

When you come into contact with the food, your immune system releases an antibody called immunoglobulin E to neutralize the food allergen.

The immunoglobulin antibodies tell your immune system to release a chemical called histamine, which causes many allergic symptoms, such as itching, swelling, hives and difficulty breathing.

The top eight most common food allergens are egg, milk, peanuts, shellfish, tree nuts, soy, fish and wheat.

Unlike an allergic reaction, the symptoms of food intolerance are typically gastrointestinal. An intolerance means your body does not have the correct mechanisms to digest certain foods properly.

A common food intolerance is lactose—the main sugar in milk products. If you have lactose intolerance, your body has difficulty digesting lactose, causing symptoms of bloating, abdominal pain and sometimes diarrhea.

Other intolerances that are sometimes confused with food allergy include:

■ Irritable bowel syndrome—a condition causing frequent diarrhea, constipation, bloating and other gastrointestinal symptoms when excess short-chain carbohydrates are consumed

■ Celiac disease—a condition where the body sustains damage at a microscopic level from ingesting gluten, which is found in wheat, barley or rye products

■ Food poisoning caused by bacteria that contaminate food

An allergist is the best qualified professional to diagnose a food allergy. Your allergist will begin by taking a detailed medical history to find out whether your symptoms are an allergic reaction, an intolerance or another health problem.

Other food allergy tests include:

■ Skin test: A skin test may determine which foods, if any, trigger your allergic symptoms. In skin testing, a small extract of the food is placed on your forearm or back by a tiny pinprick just below the skin. You'll develop a small bump if you're allergic to the substance.

■ Blood test: Your allergist also may take a blood sample to measure the levels of food-specific immunoglobulin E. Positive blood tests do not necessarily mean that you have a food allergy, but they can help put together the pieces of the puzzle.

■ Food diary: You may be asked to keep a food diary of what you eat and whether you have a reaction.

■ Elimination diet: A limited elimination diet is removing the suspected food allergen from your diet under the direction of your health care professional for a few weeks. You then add the food item back into your diet to see if the symptoms return.

■ Oral food challenge: During this test, conducted in your allergist's office, you are given small, but increasing amounts of the suspect food. Your health care professional watches you to see whether a reaction occurs. A reaction only to suspected foods confirms the diagnosis of a food allergy. If you don't react, you may be able to include that food in your diet again.

Unfortunately, those with food allergies cannot be cured. You can only prevent the symptoms by avoiding the foods that cause a reaction. If you come into contact with a food that causes a minor allergic reaction, you often can use an antihistamine to reduce the symptoms. For severe reactions, you may need an emergency epinephrine injection or a trip to the emergency department. You should always wear a medical alert bracelet or necklace. Seek medical care if you suspect you are having an allergic reaction.

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ON NUTRITION Readers' remarks

By BARBARA INTERMILL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Glad to hear from two Arizona readers this week:

"Good morning, Barbara. As a vegan who eats fish (pescatarian), I read with interest your column on beans. I know that beans are good for me, but I don't like them. So I substitute tofu for beans in my stir fries and salads. Do you think it's OK to replace beans with tofu, which after all, comes from soybeans? I know the Japanese are the longest-living nationality in the world, and they eat a lot of soy products. Would be very interested in your opinion here, and I thank you.—Dave in Tucson"

You're right, Dave, tofu is made from soybeans. And you're also correct that Japan boasts one of the world's longest life expectancies (behind Hong Kong).

Tofu and dried beans such as pinto, red and black beans are somewhat different in nutritional value, however. That has to do with the process of making tofu, which is similar to how cheese is made. In fact, some call tofu the "cheese of Asia."

Soybeans are soaked in water, crushed and then cooked. Then the milky part of the mixture is separated from the pulp (fiber) part of the beans, thickened into curds and pressed into molds.

That means tofu is very low in dietary fiber, while beans are rock stars in this category. Yet both tofu and beans are very good sources of protein. These are reasons why tofu is considered a protein food while beans make the cut as a protein as well as a vegetable.

Here are more comparisons: Ounce for ounce, tofu provides fewer calories than cooked beans. Beans are higher in carbohydrates and dietary fiber, while tofu is higher in fat (a good fat). And if you choose a tofu processed with calcium sulfate or calcium chloride, it will provide more calcium than beans.

Both products are good sources of blood-building iron. Yet beans take the prize for folate, a B-vitamin that protects the heart, as well as potassium, a mineral that helps control blood pressure. Folate and potassium are plentiful in plant-based foods, however. So this may not be an issue with your current diet.

So, yes, even though the nutrients in these foods are not exactly the same, you have picked a very reasonable substitute with your current eating style.

Marie in Tucson writes: "Happen to see your column re: using leftovers. Here's what I make with them ... REFRIGERATOR SOUP. Take meat/vegetable/pasta leftovers—dice into small chunks. Put in food processor and grind. Add either water or broth to cover and grind again. Adjust seasonings. Sometimes I have several portions, so each time I might add another spice or cream."

Instant soup! I love it. Especially if you serve it warm.

Barbara Intermill is a registered dietitian nutritionist and syndicated columnist. She is the author of Quinn-Essential Nutrition: The Uncomplicated Science of Eating. Email her at barbara@quinnessentialnutrition.com.

Tofu is made from soybeans. HANDMADEPICTURES/DREAMSTIME/TNS

MAYO CLINIC MINUTE Does daylight saving time change disrupt your health?

By Jason Howland
MAYO CLINIC NEWS NETWORK

Daylight saving time ends on Nov. 6 in the U.S. and Canada, meaning clocks are set back one hour. But does gaining or losing an hour of sleep affect a person's health?

The spring forward, fall back seasonal time change can disrupt the body's biological clock, says Dr. Lois Krahn, a Mayo Clinic sleep medicine expert.

The human brain has a circadian or biological clock that runs on a 24-hour cycle.

"Humans do best if our schedule is consistent, and we go to bed at the same time and get up at the same time each night, day after day, because that's when our clock is really optimized," says Dr. Krahn.

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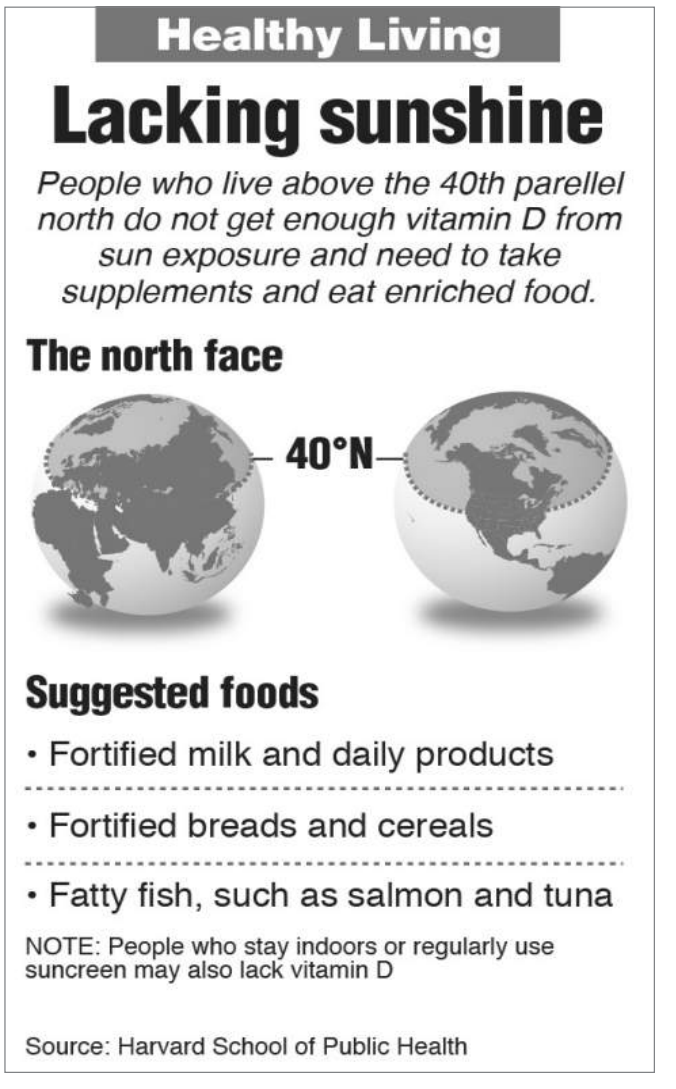
The clock change from daylight saving time to standard time can affect a person's ability to concentrate or pay attention to detail.

"Studies done on different continents show that the rate of motor vehicle accidents increases after the clocks change in many different parts of the world," says Dr. Krahn.

Along with a clock change comes less sunshine. If you struggle with darkness, Dr. Krahn suggests turning on the lights when you first wake up and consider a light box.

Getting exercise is another way to adjust to the change, says Dr. Krahn.

"Exercise helps signal to the body that it's time to get going in the morning. Also, live as healthy a lifestyle as possible."


Healthy Living
Lacking sunshine
People who live above the 40th parellel north do not get enough vitamin D from sun exposure and need to take supplements and eat enriched food.
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Suggested foods
• Fortified milk and daily products
• Fortified breads and cereals
• Fatty fish, such as salmon and tuna
NOTE: People who stay indoors or regularly use suncreen may also lack vitamin D
Source: Harvard School of Public Health

Life & Style

Top, Lite-Brite, Masters of the Universe in toy hall of fame

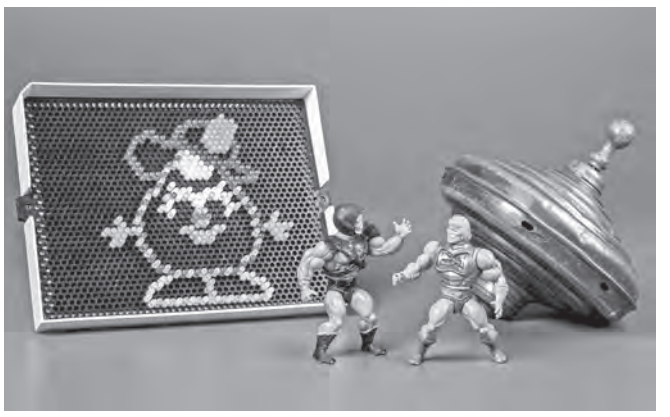
ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—The National Toy Hall of Fame's new honorees include an object dating to ancient times, a line of muscle-bound action figures and an iconic art set whose medium is colorful pegs. The hall on Thursday announced the top, Masters of the Universe and Lite-Brite as this year's inductees.

The trio was chosen from a field of 12 finalists that also included bingo, Breyer Horses, Catan, Nerf, the piñata, Phase 10, Pound Puppies, Rack-O and Spirograph.

The Toy Hall of Fame inducts a new class of toys each year in a ceremony at The Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, where the hall is housed.

The top earned a place by being a childhood staple of cultures in Asia, Europe, the Americas, and Australia, according to the hall, which noted that ancient Greek pottery shows people playing with the twirling objects more than 2,000 years ago.

"The top is one of the oldest toys and an integral part of many cultures, where it developed independently as a plaything," Chief Curator Christopher Bensch said in a news release. "With more than 5,000 years of history behind it, it's about time that the top spun its way into the National Toy Hall of Fame!"



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This undated photo provided by The Strong Museum shows the three toys inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame on Nov. 10, 2022, in Rochester, N.Y.

The hall recognizes toys that have inspired creativity and endured over time.

Hasbro's Lite-Brite has maintained its popularity for more than 50 years, after being introduced 1966. Marketed in 1968 as a "magic light box," the toy encourages kids to create glowing pictures by pushing colorful pegs into an illuminated black background.

Masters of the Universe grew in popularity in the 1980s, when the cartoon series "He-Man and the Masters of the Universe" allowed Mattel to introduce new characters and toys to the line, hall of fame experts said. A 2021 Netflix series underscored the franchise's staying power.

Art from Microsoft founder Paul Allen sells for $1.6 billion

NEW YORK (AP)—Works by artists including Cézanne, Seurat, and van Gogh sold for a record-breaking $1.6 billion during Christie's two-day auction of the late Microsoft co-founder Paul G. Allen's masterpiece-heavy collection.

All 155 of the artworks put up for auction Wednesday and Thursday in New York sold, and five paintings sold for prices above $100 million.

Georges Seurat's pointillist "Les Poseuses, Ensemble (Petite version)" sold for $149.2 million, Wednesday evening's highest price. The larger version of "Les Poseuses" is at the Barnes Collection in Philadelphia.

Christie's experts said that pointillism, a revolutionary technique when it was developed by Seurat and Paul Signac involving dots of color that combine to form an image, was of particular interest to Allen because of his computer background.

The auction house quoted Allen saying he was "attracted to things like pointillism or a Jasper Johns 'numbers' work because they come from breaking something down into its components—like bytes or numbers, but in a different kind of language."

Other highlights from Wednesday's sale included Paul Cézanne's "La Montagne Sainte-Victoire," which sold for $137.8 million, and van Gogh's landscape "Verger avec cyprès," which sold for $117.2 million.

"Never before have more than two paintings exceeded $100 million in a single sale, but tonight, we saw five,' Max Carter, vice chair of 20th and 21st century art at Christie's, said in a news release.

Kevin Conroy, a defining voice of Batman, dies at 66

NEW YORK (AP)—Kevin Conroy, the prolific voice actor whose gravely delivery on "Batman: The Animated Series" was for many Batman fans the definitive sound of the Caped Crusader, has died at 66.

Conroy died Thursday after a battle with cancer, series producer Warner Bros. announced Friday.

Conroy was the voice of Batman on the acclaimed animated series that ran from 1992-1996, often acting opposite Mark Hamill's Joker. Conroy continued on as the almost exclusive animated voice of Batman, including some 15 films, 400 episodes of television and two dozen video games, including the "Batman: Arkham" and "Injustice" franchises.

Conroy

In the eight-decade history of Batman, no one played the Dark Knight more.

"For several generations, he has been the definitive Batman," Hamill in a statement. "It was one of those perfect scenarios where they got the exact right guy for the right part, and the world was better for it."

"He will always be my Batman," Hamill said.

Conroy's popularity with fans made him a sought-after personality on the convention circuit. In the often tumultuous world of DC Comics, Conroy was a mainstay and widely beloved. In a statement, Warner Bros. Animation said Conroy's performance "will forever stand among the greatest portrayals of the Dark Knight in any medium."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Chris Rock to go live on Netflix in a first for the streamer

Chris Rock is going where no comedian has gone before—live on Netflix. The streaming giant said Thursday that Rock will be the first artist to perform on the company's first-ever live, global streaming event. The comedy special is set to stream in early 2023, but few other details were revealed. "Chris Rock is one of the most iconic and important comedic voices of our generation," Robbie Praw, Netflix vice president of stand-up and comedy formats said in a statement. "We're thrilled the entire world will be able to experience a live Chris Rock comedy event and be a part of Netflix history. This will be an unforgettable moment and we're so honored that Chris is carrying this torch." This will be the first significant test of live streaming on Netflix, potentially opening the door for other programs to get the live treatment.

Venezuelan poet Rafael Cadenas wins Cervantes Prize

MADRID (AP)—Venezuelan poet Rafael Cadenas has been awarded the Cervantes Prize, the Spanish-speaking world's highest literary honor, by Spain's government. The 92-year-old Cadenas has published more than 20 works of poetry and essays, including the volumes of verse "Intemperie" ("Outdoors"), "Amante" ("Lover") and, most recently in 2018, "Contestaciones" ("Answers").Spain's Culture Minister Miquel Iceta announced the winner on Thursday.

Uruguayan poet Cristina Peri Rossi won the prize last year. The 125,000-euro ($126,000) award had alternated between Spanish and Latin American writers until recent years. The prizes are presented each April 23 on the anniversary of the death in 1616 of Miguel de Cervantes, author of "Don Quixote," in a ceremony attended by King Felipe VI.

Ailing father insists on getting behind the wheel

DEAR ABBY: My father, who is 84, just had a mild stroke. The problem is he wants to drive his car. My sister says we should just let him, but I don't think he's capable of driving safely anymore. She says we can't legally stop him from driving.

Dad has occasional dizzy spells and double vision, which started the day he had a stroke several weeks ago. He has also lost a lot of weight and has been told he needs to eat a heart-healthy diet and eat more. Dad has diabetes and high cholesterol. He has had problems with his memory lately, too, and not just age-related. He can't remember details from doctors' appointments, forgets to take his blood pressure a couple times a day and can't remember what he is supposed to do for physical therapy.

I think we should be taking care of Dad now and driving him wherever he needs to go. I personally do not want him endangering himself or others if he drives. Please advise.

CAUTIOUS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CAUTIOUS: It's time for a serious family discussion about how to handle this. Your father needs a lot more help than chauffeur service. He needs someone to accompany him to doctors' appointments, and someone to supervise or administer his medications. He should not be behind the wheel of a car, and I'm not even sure he should be living alone. His doctor should be contacted about informing the DMV about your father's health status. He may also need assisted living if it's financially feasible.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 40 years old, and I have been eating a plant-based diet since high school. I'm in great shape, and my doctor is very pleased with my health status. For more than two decades, friends and family have worn me down to where I am running short on gracious responses when it comes to them challenging what I put on my plate. Many times, people feel the need to mention at work or at a party that I'm vegan (I don't know why), and the room immediately is focused on me. Then someone always asks how I get my protein.

I usually try to keep the mood light, so I answer them. But I have grown tired of being questioned because more often than not, it doesn't stop. They want me to go into detail about why I eat what I eat (or don't eat). They tell me how they couldn't be healthy or couldn't give up cheese. I get stuck in the middle of a monologue that feels a lot like I'm being bullied and judged.

I don't want to feel pushed around, but I also want to keep it light. How can I tell them I don't want to discuss my eating habits without sounding rude? I don't judge them and would like the same respect.

PROUD VEGAN IN OREGON

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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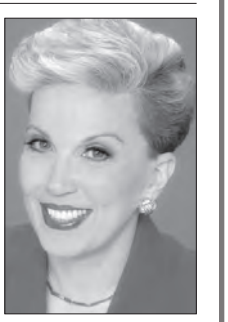

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DEAR VEGAN: Sometimes it ain't what you say, but how you say it. If you can muster a smile when you reply, "I came here to have a good time, not discuss my diet. Let's change the subject," it might end the discussion. Follow it up with, "What's everybody watching on Netflix?"

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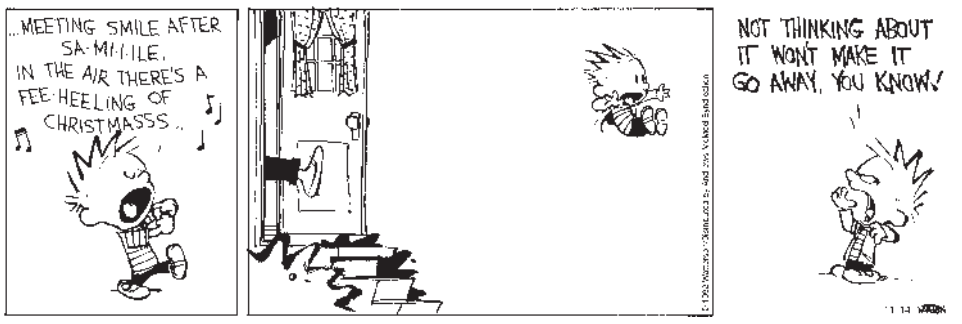
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


...MEETING SMILE AFTER SA-MI-LE, IN THE AIR THERE'S A FEE-HEELING OF CHRISTMASSS..
NOT THINKING ABOUT IT WON'T MAKE IT GO AWAY, YOU KNOW!

Garfield®

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By Bryan Basset

WHERE'S DAD?
IN HIS OFFICE.
HE'S RESEARCHING TURKEY RECIPES.
OH NO.
DON'T WORRY. WE'LL HAVE A NORMAL ONE, TOO.
I CAN'T DO ANOTHER BLACK LICORICE TURKEY, MOM.
STOP. STOP. I'M TRYING TO BLOCK IT OUT.
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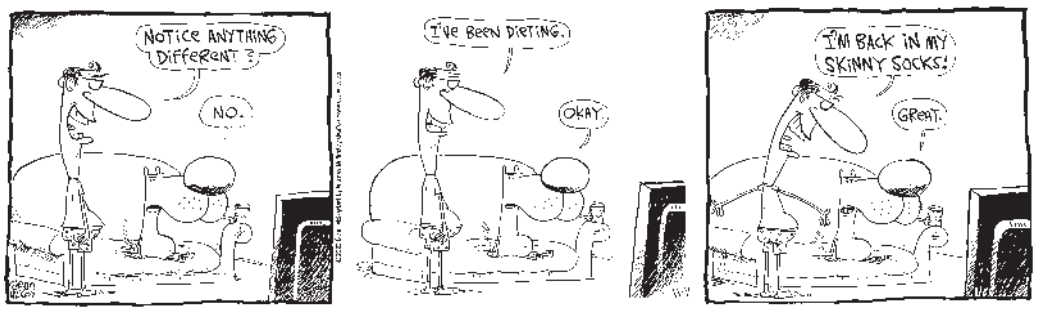
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mason Gooding, 26; Brooke Satchwell, 42; Travis Barker, 47; Harland Williams, 60.

Happy Birthday: Personal growth is the priority this year. Let your intuition lead the way, and you'll discover something that enriches your life and encourages you to try new things. A change of scenery will stimulate your mind and spark ideas that help you evaluate how you live, work and play. Say no to temptation and yes to managing your money and health. Your numbers are 8, 11, 25, 27, 33, 36, 42.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Don't use power plays to get your way. Choose to do your own thing, and give others the freedom to do as they please. Getting things done on time and to your liking will bring about proposals that are too good to turn down. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Do everything you can to improve your life and relationships. Change begins with you, so make a list of likes and dislikes and move forward with confidence that positive change will occur. Romance is favored. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Don't compromise your position. Concentrate on what matters, and use your skills to get things done. Don't let a sob story or plea for a handout manipulate you. Offer suggestions, but don't take on liabilities that don't belong to you. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Check out the possibilities and use your power of invention, and you'll dazzle everyone with your insight and resourcefulness. Financial gains are within reach if you make a couple of changes. Let go of whatever is holding you back. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Take the path of least resistance. Don't get entwined in someone else's dilemma. Stay focused on what's important, and don't make unnecessary changes. Discipline and moderation are encouraged. Stay on track and walk away from people looking to quarrel. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Open a conversation, then sort through any concerns before you move forward. An empathetic approach to helping others will be admired and respected. Now is the time to push for positive change and to adjust your lifestyle to suit your state of mind. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* If you don't like something, initiate change. It's up to you to take care of your responsibilities, needs and happiness. Learn from the experiences you encounter, and confusion and uncertainty will lift, giving you clear vision and a worthwhile goal. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Find out all you can and keep moving forward. Pay attention to others, and you'll grow a network of individuals who take a vested interest in what you pursue. Take care of your responsibilities first to avoid complaints or disruptions at home. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Invest your time and money where it makes the most sense. Building a solid base will help protect you from any liabilities that come your way. Focus on what's meaningful, and you'll find your purpose. Speak the truth or refrain from commenting. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Look at change as progress instead of the enemy. An open, receptive attitude will help you explore the possibilities and reflect on your experience to make any adjustments necessary to ensure success. Trust your instincts. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Redesign your plans to fit trends and how you feel about what's happening around you. Don't settle for something you don't want. Share your thoughts, and the input you receive will result in the right decision and additional help. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Don't let anger consume you or allow the decisions someone makes weigh heavy on your mind. Separate yourself from all the drama, and use your time wisely. Learn something new to help you manage your life and improve your finances. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are powerful, opportunistic and compassionate. You are insightful and flexible.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 11/14

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 6/11

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

SORRY, I'M BUSY! **Solution: 7 letters**

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Last Friday's Answer: Armed Forces

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Tatum scores 43, Celtics beat Pistons for 6th straight win

DETROIT (AP)—Jayson Tatum scored 28 of his season-high 43 points in the first half as the Boston Celtics beat the Detroit Pistons 117-108 on Saturday night for their sixth straight win.

Tatum also had 10 rebounds, Grant Williams had 19 points and 10 rebounds and Marcus Smart added 18 points and 10 assists in Boston's second win against Detroit in four days. The Celtics won 128-112 at home on Wednesday.

"That was a chaotic, hectic game, and that's what I thrive on," Smart said. "We were short-handed tonight, but a lot of guys stepped up and made it a real team effort."

Bojan Bogdanovic scored 28 points to lead Detroit, and rookie Jaden Ivey added a season-high 26. Marcus Bagley III made his season debut after missing the first 13 games with a sprained knee and finished with four points and four rebounds in 17 minutes.

"Great players are going to do what they do," Pistons coach Dwane Casey said. "You can account for that, but you can't let role players have big nights."

Both teams were missing one of their most important players. The Pistons' Cade Cunningham will be out for at least a week with shin soreness, while the Celtics' Jaylen Brown got the night off to deal with a knee contusion.

"With it being the second half of a back-to-back, and (Brown's) knee having less than 24 hours to heal, we decided it was the best move to get him out for tonight," Celtics coach Joe Mazzula said. "We're hoping he'll be ready for Monday."

Bogdanovic had 15 points in the first half, including a pair of free throws with 0.1 seconds left in the second quarter that gave Detroit a 57-55 lead. The Pistons shot 47.4% (9-19) on 3-pointers in the half, but only 32% on 2-pointers.

AP

Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum runs up court after a three-point basket during the second half of ana NBA basketball game against the Detroit Pistons, Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, in Detroit.

Tatum had 15 points for Boston, who had a 20-12 edge in points in the paint, but only hit seven of 24 3-pointers in the opening half.

Tatum and Bogdanovic kept scoring after halftime. Bogdanovic finished with nine of Detroit's 24 points in the third quarter, but Tatum had 15 of Boston's 34. That put the Celtics up 89-81 going into the final 12 minutes.

76ers1, Hawks 109

In Philadelphia, Joel Embiid had a season-high 42 points and 10 rebounds as Philadelphia turned a blistering shooting performance in the first half into a win over Atlanta.

Tyrese Maxey scored 26 points and Tobias Harris added 21 for the Sixers (6-7), who have won split the three back-to-back contests they've played this season. Philadelphia lost in Atlanta 104-95 on Thursday night.

Trae Young scored 27 points and Dejounte Murray added 21 for the Hawks, who had a 43-31 rebounding advantage — including a 12-2 advantage on the offensive glass — but struggled by shooting just 24.3% from beyond the 3-point arc.

Nets 110, Clippers 95

In Los Angeles, Kevin Durant scored 27 points, Seth Curry added 22 and Brooklyn broke free midway through the fourth quarter against Los Angeles.

Nic Claxton had 13 points and 14 rebounds as the Nets improved to 4-1 since Kyrie Irving was given a team-imposed suspension that will last at least one more game. Three of the four victories have come on the road.

The Nets have held five straight opponents below 100 points.

Paul George scored 17 points for the Clippers but endured a rough shooting game, going 5 of 21 from the field (23.8%). Ivica Zubac added 16 points and 15 rebounds for the Clippers, who lost for just the second time since Oct. 31.

Wizards 121, Jazz 112

In Washingtob, Kristaps Porzingis had 31 points and 10 rebounds, Kyle Kuzma added 23 points, eight rebounds and six assists, and Washington beat Utah for its season-high third straight victory.

Corey Kispert hit all six of his field goals, four of them 3-pointers, and scored 18 points. The Wizards played their fourth consecutive game without leading scorer Bradley Beal, who had been in the NBA's health and safety protocols.

Jordan Clarkson had 18 points for Utah (10-4), which had a four-game winning streak broken. Collin Sexton and Lauri Markkanen each had 17.

Mavericks 117, Trail Blazers 112

In Dallas, Luka Doncic had 42 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists for his third triple-double of the season, and Dallas beat Portland.

Spencer Dinwiddie scored 20 points, capped by three 3-pointers in the final 2½ minutes. The first of those tied it at 106 with 2:35 to play. His next, with 1:52 to go, put the Mavericks ahead for good.

Christian Wood scored 19 points off the bench after missing Dallas' previous two games with a knee sprain.

Jerami Grant scored a season-high 37 points for the Trail Blazers, who finished a six-game road trip 4-2. Damian Lillard had 29 points and 12 assists, and Anfernee Simons added 24 points.

Heat 132, Hornets 115

In Miami, Max Strus scored 31 points, making eight 3-pointers, and Miami spoiled LaMelo Ball's return to the Charlotte lineup.

Bam Adebayo had 24 points and 15 rebounds for the Heat, who swept a two-game home series with the Hornets and got consecutive wins for only the second time this season. Charlotte lost its eighth straight, extending the longest current slide in the NBA.

Jimmy Butler had 20 points, eight assists and seven rebounds for Miami, while Gabe Vincent scored 20 points. Miami outscored Charlotte 45-25 in the third quarter, tying the sixth-highest scoring quarter in any period in Heat history.

Ball finished with 15 points, six assists and six rebounds in 28 minutes, making his season debut after missing the first 13 games with a sprained ankle. He shot 6 of 17, 1 for 9 from 3-point range.

Pelicans 119, Rockets 106

In New Orleans, Zion Williamson scored 26 points and Brandon Ingram iced the game with six points in a 13-0 run in the final 2:07 to power New Orleans over Houston.

The Pelicans led by as many as 18 points in the third quarter only to fall behind by eight early in the fourth quarter. Kevin Porter Jr. tied the game at 106 with 2:58 left, but New Orleans scored the game's final 13 points.

Jose Alvarado came off the bench to spark the Pelicans' rally with 12 points, five assists and three steals, and Larry Nance Jr. added 22. Ingram finished with 20.

Houston was paced by Jalen Green with 33 points and Porter with 23 points.

Pacers 118, Raptors 104

In Indianapolis, Buddy Hield scored 22 points, Myles Turner had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Indiana used a dominant fourth quarter to beat Toronto.

Tyrese Haliburton shook off a 3-for-14 shooting night with 15 assists for the Pacers, who outscored the Raptors 36-14 in the final 12 minutes.

Jalen Smith finished with 16 points and rookie Bennedict Mathurin had 15 for Indiana.

O.G. Anunoby scored 26 points for the short-handed Raptors, who led 90-82 after three quarters before the Pacers blew by them as Toronto matched its lowest-scoring quarter of the season.

Tsai says Irving isn't antisemitic; NBPA awaits resolution

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Suspended Brooklyn guard Kyrie Irving and the Nets appear to be on a path toward reconciliation, though it remains unclear when the seven-time All-Star will return to the court.

Nets owner Joe Tsai said Friday that he and his wife Clara spent time with Irving and his family, and came away from that meeting convinced that Irving does not have antisemitic beliefs.

"We spent quality time to understand each other and it's clear to me that Kyrie does not have any beliefs of hate towards Jewish people or any group," Tsai wrote.

Also Friday, the National Basketball Players Association told its members in an email that it expects the Irving situation to be resolved soon. It also thanked players for their patience and what the union described as "thoughtful comments" over the past couple weeks in regard to Irving.

"We believe the careful pause and reflection have started to pay off," the union said in the email, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press.

Irving was suspended by the Nets earlier this month for a minimum of five games, saying he was "currently unfit to be associated with the" team following his decision to tweet a link to a documentary that includes Holocaust denial and conspiracy theories about Jews and then not swiftly condemning the antisemitic tropes. The tweet has since been deleted.

Irving has served four games of that suspension; the fifth is Saturday when the Nets visit the Los Angeles Clippers. That means the first game Irving could be eligible when the Nets play the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday.

But no one has given any indication that a decision has been made regarding when Irving — a vice president of the NBPA — may return.

"The Nets and Kyrie, together with the NBA and NBPA, are working constructively toward a process of forgiveness, healing and education," Tsai wrote.

Nets coach Jacque Vaughn spoke to reporters after practice in New York on Friday shortly before Tsai's tweet. Vaughn said there was no update on Irving's return-to-play status. The Nets were flying to Los Angeles on Friday afternoon.

Some contents of the union's email to members were first reported by ESPN.

"We have maintained from the beginning, and will continue to repeat every chance we get, that Kyrie and the Players Association unequivocally condemn antisemitism and all other forms of hate," the union wrote.

It added, "We continue to make sure that Kyrie's rights, and the rights of all future players, have been protected at every turn, and look forward very soon to a resolution of all matters satisfactory to all parties."

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said he has "no doubt" that Irving is not antisemitic; those remarks were made Thursday at a conference hosted by Sports Business Journal. Silver and Irving met in New York earlier this week.

In a subsequent interview with The New York Times, Silver stressed that whether Irving is antisemitic is far from the lone issue, noting "the damage caused by the posting of hateful content."

The fallout has had an impact: Fans wearing "Fight Antisemitism" shirts sat courtside at a Nets game that Irving played in. Nike suspended its relationship with Irving and canceled its plans to release his next signature shoe; Nike co-founder Phil Knight telling CNBC earlier this week that the relationship was likely severed for good for "some statements that we just can't abide by."

Irving has offered an apology "to all Jewish families and communities" that were hurt by his post.

Foreman leads Panthers past rival Falcons in rain, 25-15

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—D'Onta Foreman admitted he was tired — at times completely gassed.

But the Carolina Panthers running back said there wasn't a chance he was going to tap on his helmet and ask to take a breather. He's waited too long in his injury-plagued career for this opportunity.

"When the game is on the line there is no coming out," Foreman said.

Foreman carried 31 times for 130 yards and a touchdown, Laviska Shenault added a 41-yard burst to the end zone and the Panthers beat the Atlanta Falcons 25-15 on a rainy Thursday night.

Foreman's 31 carries were the most by a Carolina running back since Nick Goings' 36 in 2004. The Panthers (3-7) piled up a season-high 232 yards on the ground, and Eddy Pineiro kicked four field goals after he missed two critical kicks in a 37-34 overtime loss to the Falcons 11 days earlier.

"You have to continue to grind, continue to pound it," said Foreman, who has three 100-yard running games since Christian McCaffrey was traded to San Francisco. "That's what I wanted to do. I wanted the ball in my hands."

The Falcons' Marcus Mariota finished 19 of 30 for 186 yards and two touchdowns, but was sacked five times and intercepted once.

Atlanta fell to 4-6, leaving Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (4-5) alone atop the NFC South. The Bucs play Sunday against the Seattle Seahawks in Germany.

Carolina improved to 2-3 since coach Matt Rhule was fired and replaced on an interim basis by Steve Wilks. Four days earlier, the Panthers were blown out 42-21 at Cincinnati after falling behind 35-0 at halftime.

"I'm extremely proud of the men in this locker room and how we bounced back," Wilks said.

Foreman, who ran for 118 yards and three TDs in the last meeting on Oct. 30 in Atlanta, capped off a crucial seven-play, 84-yard drive with a 12-yard touchdown run off right tackle to give Carolina a 19-9 lead with 1:51 left in the third quarter.

The Falcons cut Carolina's lead to 22-15 when Mariota found a wide-open Kha-Darel Hodge for a 25-yard touchdown with 3:01 left in the game after the Panthers botched a coverage assignment. Younghoe Koo, who had made 71 straight extra points, missed his second PAT of the game to keep the margin at seven points.

AP

Carolina Panthers running back D'Onta Foreman runs for a touchdown against the Atlanta Falcons during the second half of an NFL football game on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, in Charlotte, N.C.

The Falcons got one last shot to tie the game, taking over at their own 34 with 2 1/2 minutes to play. But Carolina's Marquis Haynes sacked Mariota twice and the Falcons turned the ball over on downs at their 15.

"It starts with me," Mariota said. "I've got to do a better job getting us into better plays. When you're not consistently creating good first- and second-down plays, it's tough on third down. And then when you're not converting third downs, you're not sustaining drives and you're not scoring points."

Carolina's defense, which allowed Cincinnati's Joe Mixon to run for 153 yards and four touchdowns — and the Bengals to amass 241 rushing yards as a team — on Sunday, held the league's fourth-best rushing attack to 138 yards.

Atlanta came in averaging 162.9 yards on the ground.

"It wasn't pretty. They won both lines of scrimmage," Falcons coach Arthur Smith said.

The Panthers often stacked the box and sold out against the run, daring Mariota to beat them.

Shenault gave Carolina a 10-0 lead in the second quarter when he caught a swing pass from P.J. Walker after circling the backfield in motion and raced down the left sideline past five Falcons defenders — two of whom collided and took each other out of the play. The touchdown was ruled a rush because Walker's toss was not a forward pass.

Brady has 'zero' remorse about return, is gifted lederhosen

MUNICH (AP)—Tom Brady got a full dose of Germany on Friday when he was presented with Bavarian lederhosen before being questioned about his personal life.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback responded that he doesn't feel remorse returning for another season.

"Zero, no, definitely not," Brady told a crowded news conference at a Bayern Munich facility ahead of Sunday's game against the Seattle Seahawks. "I think I returned because I felt like I wanted to compete. I spoke to the team about it, and they were excited to have me back."

Brady and Gisele Bündchen recently announced that their divorce is finalized.

Brady was asked by a German reporter about on and off-field challenges and whether he felt remorse about unretiring.

"I don't really regret those types of things," the seven-time Super Bowl champion said. "I think when I commit to it, I mean it and I do my best and try to give everything I can to this particular opportunity."

Another local reporter asked about how he copes with personal and professional challenges.

"You do the best you can do every day and, yeah, that's what I've been trying to do, be the best I can be for my family and for my teammates," the 45-year-old said. "We all have our challenges. Life is challenging for everybody. We just do our best."

Brady later explained that he loves the daily routine of the job, as well as the victories like the 16-13 comeback win over the Los Angeles Rams last week. He's been able to play so long, he said, "because it's never really felt like work."

"It's hard for me to believe I'm still playing at this age, but I enjoy it and I love competing," Brady said. "Certainly, games like last week are reasons why we do do it because there's a thrill of victory that is hard to probably replicate at home on Xbox or something like that."

Coach Todd Bowles spoke before Brady and marveled at the size of the crowd: "I'm sure they didn't come to see me."

Bowles was right.

Early in Brady's session, an editor from German broadcaster ProSieben surprised the quarterback — and everyone else — when he rose from the front row to present Brady with lederhosen.

"That looks nice," a gracious Brady said to Robert Salkowsky, who explained that it was specially made for Brady with Bucs and TB12 logos.

"We are very proud to have you here in Munich and want you always to have good memories when you think back to Munich," Salkowsky said.

Brady held up the lederhosen — shorts with suspenders — and said "How would that look going out to the game in that?"

As a team assistant took it away, Brady cracked about one of his backup quarterbacks, "Kyle Trask is going to wear that out there."

AP

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady attends a news conference after a practice session in Munich, Germany, Friday, Nov. 11, 2022.

MORE MOMENTUM

The Bucs' offense has struggled all season, so Brady is hoping they can start to build some momentum.

"This is a very important game for us. We have a bye week after this. It gives you a chance to kind of evaluate where you are at, and I'd much rather evaluate being 5-5 than 4-6," he said. "We've got to win this game and it will take care of that, but Seattle is going to challenge us. They're creating a lot of sacks and turnovers."

The Seahawks (6-3) arrived in Bavaria on a four-game winning streak and atop the NFC West.

Brady is 3-0 in international games, having led the New England Patriots to victories in London (2009, '12) and Mexico City (2017). He threw for 300-plus yards each time, compiling 10 TD passes.

"Playing well is playing well, it doesn't matter where you're at and which stadium, what country," he said. "For us, it's going to come down to how well we do our job."

SPECIAL VISIT

Bayern Munich's coach and some players met up with the Seahawks at Friday's practice on the soccer club's first-team campus.

Speedy winger/left-back Alphonso Davies apparently mentioned he's faster than Seahawks receiver DK Metcalf but all of Canada will be pleased that they didn't line up and race. Davies is recovering from a hamstring strain and hopes to be fully fit for the World Cup.

The coaches exchanged jerseys — Pete Carroll gave Bayern boss Julian Nagelsmann a Seahawks' No. 12 shirt.

INJURY UPDATE

Bucs TE Cameron Brate (neck) was a full participant at practice again Friday and was listed as questionable. Brate, who sustained a concussion earlier in the season, will be a game-day decision, Bowles said. Seahawks WR Marquise Goodwin (groin) also practiced fully and is questionable.

Zhi matches lowest score in Marianas Classic Golf

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CNMI national golf team member Zhi Yun Li equalled his lowest gross score in winning the category of the 2022 Visa Marianas Classic Golf Tournament last Nov. 5 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

The 14-year-old Marianas High School student fired a 4-under 68 to beat Michael Gatewood (72) and Marco Peter (73) in the fundraising tournament organized by Bank of Guam, IT&E, and IP&E.

Zhi had identical 34s in the front and back nines that included an impressive seven birdies in holes No. 2, 5, 8, 12, 14, 17, and 18. He also managed to par holes No. 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, and 16 and had only four bogeys—holes No. 4, 11, and 13.

He said his putting was really working for him during the tournament despite course conditions being not really ideal due to the strong winds.

"For me I think it was the 17th hole, which was my second hole because it gave me a boost of confidence because I made a birdie," Zhi replied when asked about his best hole.

The win was worth $300 for Zhi, while Gatewood and Peter went home with $200 and $200, respectively.

Flor Jones topped the women's low gross with her 86 with Tina Goodwin taking second with her 88.

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Zhi Yun Li, 2022 Visa Marianas Classic Golf Tournament low gross winner, poses with IT&E president Ricky Delgado, left, and Bank of Guam president and CEO Joaquin Cook, right, during the awards ceremony last Nov. 5.

In the men's double peoria, Joseph Muña won the category with a net score of 69.4, followed by IT&E president Ricky Delgado Jr.'s 69.6, while Dean Pangelinan completed the Top 3 with his 69.8.

Shirley Sablan took the top prize in the women's double peoria with her net score of 80, while Michelle Sablan took second with her 82.

The Top 3 in the other categories pocketed the same cash prizes as the winners of the men's low gross.

Charles Peters, meanwhile, nosed out Delgado for the low gross among employees of Bank of Guam, IT&E, and IP&E. Both of them carded gross scores of 78, but Peters won the corporate challenge on the third playoff hole.

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thanks to Tsukagoshi's hard hits, defeating the Torchbearers after three close matches, 21-15, 18-21, 21-20.

For all the marbles in the last event which was the mixed doubles, Tsukagoshi and Li faced off with Yang and Wang for the last time. The first-time ACS players almost successfully staged an upset against defending champions SIS in the last event, but Tsukagoshi carried Li and her team to victory after her hard smacks and strategically placed hits caused ACS some missed hits and mistakes, winning three matches, 21-18, 19-21, 21-18.

The SIS tandem of 12 year-old Tsukagoshi and 14 year-old Li said after the finals that they were both "very nervous," but that they were "very happy" that they won.

Tsukagoshi added that "it was very close… I almost lost the doubles because I was almost out of energy." Li recalled "I didn't expect to make it to the championships last year," but this year, even though he expected to reach it, he thought they would lose because he made a lot of mistakes.

SIS badminton coach Jeremy West said about his team that "they did really well… It was a lot of fun. Agape is great, really good competition. We just managed to make it in the end but it was back and forth the entire time, so it was a great game."

ACS indeed gave SIS a run for their money and ACS administrator pastor Kok H. Pang said after the championships that it could have gone to either one of the schools, it's just that they "missed points… it [could] be either team but they just got it."

He said the Torchbearers have only been practicing for just a month and that "if [we] have more time, we could be better… Most of our players are equal. Congratulations to [SIS]; we will come back. We shall return… give us more time, we shall see next year."

The 2022 badminton season returns with the high school division with the Geckos up to defend their title as well.

LEIGH GASES

Saipan International School's Lina Tsukagoshi and Frank Li in position during their game against Agape Christian School in the mixed event finals of the TakeCare-Public School System Interscholastic Badminton League last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

TIMM

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Timm said while it wasn't his fastest 8K, he was still happy with his time considering the race conditions.

"I think that it would be hard for anyone to run their best time for how muddy and wet it was," said the 26-year-old from Colorado.

As for his good friend Ketola, Timm kind of threw out a challenge to his fellow St. Olaf College track and field member as he is planning to stay on Saipan for Run Saipan's half marathon.

"If Keith will challenge me in the half marathon, I think I have a chance. But I think he would crush me in the mile run," he said.

Myers, for her part, dominated the women's division after crossing the finish line in 37:23. She was followed by Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Kimberlyn King-Hinds and Rosemarie Chisato with times of 40:41 and 43:00, respectively.

The silver medalist of the 2022 Mini Games steeplechase said running around the airport perimeter fence was a nice change for Run Saipan events.

"It was great. Following the fence lines was really fun. You get to see where you're going and you can kind of tell where you're at, right? So it's fun because it's not a turnaround. We don't have to look at the same things over and over again."

Unlike Timm, the 33-year-old health and physical education instructor at the Northern Marianas College actually liked the rain-drenched course.

"The weather was perfect. It poured down rain before we started. But right before the race started, it cleared up and then nice, it was overcast," she said.

Myers thanked the running community and all the volunteers of Run Saipan and Northern Marianas Athletics for helping organize the event, unofficially dubbed the Saipan International Airport Trail Run 2022.

In the 8K masters division, Joshua Castro topped the men's division with a run of 57:59, while Terra Allen and Kathy Ruszala were 1-2 in the women's with times of 47:17 and 50:05, respectively.

The women's 40-44 saw Sheila Mabutas come first in 58:05 with Kathleen Tolentino next in 1:01.17.

Rommel Bartolo was first in the men's 40-49 in 46:09 followed by CNMI national triathlete Leo Wania in 47:33 and Napoleon Dizon in 49:47.

Pastor Matthew Furan was furious in the 50-54 age group, as he blazed the trail in 41:50. Raymund Tolentino and James Abuy completed the Top 3 in 46:25 and 50:54, respectively.

Elizabeth Church was the fastest in the women's 50-54 with a time of 47:40 with Jessica Ortizo (48:42) and Maritess Bartolo (49:11) completing the Top 3.

Dr. Ron Snyder continued to rule the 55-59 age group as he tore the tape in 46:01 with Floro Derexes coming second in 1:01.02. Maria Ornes was the lone participant in the women's 55-59 and she finished the race in 1:09.35.

The 60 and over division was dominated by barefoot runners Chong Nam Lee and Changwan Jang as they came in at 40:45 and 45:04, respectively. Paul Khang was third in 1:09.35. Juanita Fajardo was the lone entry for yje women and she finished in 1:10.47.

Results of the 5K cross country run will be published in tomorrow's edition of *Saipan Tribune.*

KANOA

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seven wins in the standings with four wins and two losses.

Tan Holdings FC-1 11 Kanoa FC Team-2 0; Southern United-1 11, Southern United-2 0

Tan Holdings Football Club 1 and Southern United 1 defeated their opponents with the same modus operandi, loading their firing squad to aim, release, and fire 11 goals, incapacitating them to score none.

Tan Holdings' Kaye Anne Costales took charge of the battlefront and scored five goals, with teammates Angel Calayag scoring three, Xyriel Jade Costales scoring two, and Shaina Angela Malanzo scoring one.

In parallel, Southern United Team 1 defeated its sister team with Rosie Jean Saralu in the forefront with eight goals. Her other teammates scored the other three goals.

In the standings, Tan Holdings FC 1 has four wins and two losses; Kanoa FC 2 and Southern United 2 are in the gutter with no wins, one draw, and five losses; and Southern United 1 has five wins and one loss.

Paire FC 4, MPU FC 2

Paire Football Club doubled the goals of MPU to defeat them, 4-2.

Phoenix Gross of Paire soared through the field to complete a hat-trick, with the fourth goal from Alana Hayes. MPU's Addalee Taflinger and Yun Hee Woo scored the team's two goals.

Paire has a 3-1-2 win-draw-loss record, while MPU is at two wins and four losses.

U13 BOYS MPU FC Blue 4, Matansa 2; Kanoa FC 5, MPU FC Pink 0

MPU Football Club split their games, with the Blue team victorious over Matansa Football Club, 4-2, while the Pink team went radio silent against Kanoa Football Club, 5-0.

The Blue team's Stephen Seo broke through the net in the fourth minute, with Matansa's Justin Garde retaliating in the ninth. Matansa's Prince Espiritu scored the second and final goal in the 20th minute, with the team gassing out and ending the game on empty.

Meanwhile, the Blue team's Quido Jambor and Pedro Tomokane scored their team's third and fourth goal.

On the other hand, Kanoa FC shushed the Pink team, with Gil Rooney scoring two goals. His teammates then scored the last three goals in the second half while cricket noises were heard over in the Pink team's offense.

MPU FC Blue is still on top of the standings with five wins, one draw, and no loss, Matansa is at two wins and four losses, Kanoa FC is in second with five wins and one loss, and MPU FC Pink Team is in third with three wins and three losses.

Shirley's FC 3, Tan Holdings FC 1

Shirley's Football Club defeated Tan Holdings Football club, 3-1.

A pair of Pinos—N.J. and Mayten—scored Shirley's two goals, while Kimason Cabrera scored the third goal.

The lone goal for Tan Holdings came off the cleat of Jerz Navarro.

Shirley's has a 1-5 win-loss card and Tan Holdings is right above them with two wins, one draw, and three losses.

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Timm, Myers top 8K cross country run

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Paul Timm and Denise Myers slogged through mud and slippery asphalt to win the 8K run of the Inaugural Open & Masters Cross Country Championship last Saturday in the perimeter line of the Francisco M. Palacios/Saipan International Airport.

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Timm, who is a college roommate of inaugural 1-mile run winner Keith Ketola, was the fastest in the trail run after crossing the finish line in 36:39. He was followed by Daniel Li in 37:11, while NMI national athletics team member Sildrey Viloria completed the Top 3 with his 37:47.

The 26-year-old Timm said it was sweet to win his first official race on Saipan.

"It was a blast! I was a little worried when it was getting to 6 o'clock and it was still dark and it was rainy. I was thinking I would get lost for sure. But then you know, the sun came out and we had some strong guys to run with from the beginning so it was really fun."

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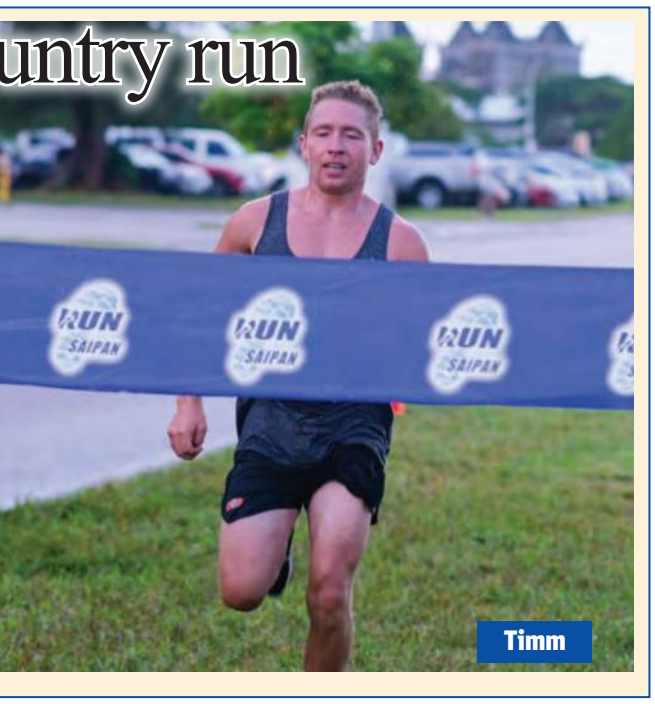

Timm

SIS defends MS badminton crown

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Saipan International School, middle, took first place in the TakeCare-Public School System Interscholastic Badminton League. Agape Christian School, right in red, took second place, while Francisco M. Sablan Middle School, left in purple, took third place during the championship games last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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In a whirlwind badminton-filled morning, the defending champions Saipan International School Geckos clung to the championship trophy during the finals of the TakeCare-Public School System Interscholastic Badminton League after shuttling past first-time competitors Agape Christian School Torchbearers last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

At the same time, Francisco M. Sablan Middle School and Tanapag Middle School vied for the bronze medal, with FMS bringing it home.

ACS' Barbara Wang, May Kim, Joanna Zhang, Joyce Ying, Daniel Yang, Raffy Cai, Daniel Song, and Danny Cheng, challenged a tough SIS team which consisted of Nara Kim, Lina Tsukagoshi, Frank Li, Allen He, Michael Zhou, and Jason Yu.

In the boys doubles, the Torchbearers' Yang and Cai overpowered the Geckos' Li and He, winning both matches, 21-20, 21-18.

In the girls singles, Tsukagoshi mercilessly defeated ACS' Wang, 21-5, 21-5.

In the boys singles, ACS' Yang salvaged the win against Li in three matches, 21-6, 9-21, 21-18.

In the fourth event which was the girls doubles, SIS' Tsukagoshi and Kim almost fell to ACS' Wang and Kim as the Geckos squeezed themselves out of a tough spot

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Kanoa FC 1 currently undefeated in girls U13

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Kanoa Football Club 1 is currently undefeated heading out of Week 7 of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 last Nov. 5 at the Northern Mariana Islands Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

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Kanoa Football Club 1's Aubrey White, in orange, goes up against a Tan Holdings player during one of their games of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Kanoa worked the field against Matansa Football Club to beat them, 8-2, with Beatrice Gross, Aubrey White, and Elikristiana Iglecias shooting two goals each.

Teammates Hayven Moteisau and Ye Lynn Ha completed the seventh and eighth goal, with Matansa unable to fire back. Aylssa Borlongan scored Matansa's two goals, with her teammates at a loss to assist her.

Matansa is right behind Kanoa's undefeated record of

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